



Tacoma Women's Golf Association Supplemental Rules of Play

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and where applicable, by the following Conditions and Local Rules, subject to changes or amendments by the Committee.

Part A: Conditions of the Competition

Handicaps: Maximum handicap is 40.

Caddies: Caddies are not permitted during the round.

Start of Play: Players must be ready to play at the starting time and starting point set by the Committee (ball and club in hand). See Rule 5.3a for penalties.

Prompt Play: The Committee expects that all players will make every effort to play ready golf and keep pace with the group in front of them. When a group is notified that they are out of position they are subject to timing and penalty. See Rule 5.6a for penalties. See TWGA pace of play policy for complete text.

Suspension of Play Immediate (Imminent danger, lightning):

If the Committee declares an immediate suspension of play, all players must stop play at once and not make another stroke until the Committee resumes play. Signal one prolonged air horn blast.

Normal Suspension: (such as darkness or unplayable course) If all players in your group are between two holes, you must stop and must not make another stroke to begin another hole until the Committee resumes play. If any player in your group has started a hole, the group may choose to either stop play or play out the hole. Once your group completes the hole or stops play before completing the hole, you must not make another stroke until the Committee resumes play. Signal three prolonged air horn blasts. Breach of Rule 5.7b: **Disqualification**

Signal for Resuming play: Two (2) consecutive air horn blasts.

Doubt as to Procedure: Rule 20.1c(3) A player who is unsure about the right procedure while playing a hole may complete the hole with two balls without penalty. To proceed under this rule, she should, before making a stroke, announce that she is going to play two balls and which ball will count if the rules allow. If she fails to choose, the ball played first will count by default. This must be reported to the Committee before the card is returned. Penalty for failure to report: **Disqualification**

Ties: Ties will be broken using The Rules of Golf recommendation (Committee procedures [5A (6)])

Returned Scorecards: A scorecard is considered returned (no further alterations) once it is placed in the scorecard box or turned in to someone at the scoring table.

Close of Competition: The competition is closed one (1) hour after all competitor's scorecards have been returned to the Committee.

Part B: Local Rules

Preferred Lies: When abnormal conditions might interfere with fair play, the Committee may adopt "Preferred Lies". When a player's ball lies in a part of the *General Area* cut to fairway height or less, the player may mark, lift, clean and place the original ball or another ball within six (6) inches of the original ball, not nearer the hole and in the *general area*. If the ball is not marked before it is lifted, there is a one stroke penalty. Rule 14.1a

Out of Bounds: All areas outside the boundary edge of the course are *Out of Bounds*. All areas inside that edge are in bounds. The edge should be defined by boundary objects, white lines or white stakes. When defined by a fence or stakes, the edge is defined by the line between the course-side points of the stakes or fence posts at ground level (excluding angled supports) and those stakes or posts are *Out of Bounds*. When defined by a line (white) the boundary edge is the course-side edge, and the line itself is *Out of Bounds*.

Boundary Objects: Free relief is not allowed from artificial objects defining *Out of Bounds*, such as walls, fences, stakes and railings. A ball that crosses a public road defined as *Out of Bounds* and comes to rest beyond that road is OB even though it may lie on another part of the course. Committee Procedure 8A-3

Penalty Areas: There are two types of *Penalty Areas*. **Yellow**, marked by yellow stakes and/or lines and **Red**, marked with red stakes and/or lines. A ball is in the *Penalty Area* when it lies in or any part touches the *Penalty Area*. The lines and stakes are in the *Penalty Area*.

Ground Under Repair: Areas enclosed by white lines; French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones; Material piled for removal; and a hole made by the maintenance staff even if not marked.

Sod Seams in the General Area: Free relief (drop a ball at the nearest point of complete relief, plus one club length, not nearer the hole and in the *General Area*) for lie of the ball from seams of cut turf in newly sodded areas that are otherwise not marked.

Aeration Holes, Sod Seams and Turf Plugs on Putting Green: Free relief for **LIE** of ball. Place ball at the nearest point that avoids the condition.

Retaining Walls and Pilings: When located within *Penalty Areas* or within and/or around *Bunkers*, retaining walls and pilings are *Integral Objects* (no free relief). When located contiguous to cart paths, retaining wall and pilings are part of the cart path.

Abnormal Course Conditions Enclosed by White Lines: White lined areas tying into artificially surfaced roads, paths or other obstructions are part of the *Obstruction* and are not *Ground Under Repair*. Bare, worn areas immediately adjacent to cart paths are part of the *Obstruction*.

Immovable Obstructions Near Putting Green: For a ball in the *General Area*, free relief may be taken, if an *Immovable Obstruction* is on the line of play and within two club lengths of the *Putting Green* and two club lengths of the ball. Drop a ball at the nearest point of complete relief plus one club length in the *General Area*, not nearer the hole.

Embedded Ball: Free relief is allowed when a ball is *embedded* in *General Area*. **Exceptions:** 1) when a ball is *embedded* in sand in a part of the *General Area* not cut to fairway height or less, or 2) when interference by anything other than the ball being *embedded* makes the stroke clearly unreasonable (e.g. ball lies near a bush). The *Reference Point* is directly behind ball, the size of relief area is one club length, not nearer the hole and in the *General Area*. Penalty for breach of this rule is *General Penalty* (two strokes).

Staked Trees: Staked trees are treated as immovable obstructions Rule 16.1. Relief from stakes and guy wires for lie, stance and intended area of swing. No free relief for intended line of play.

Elevated Power Lines: When a permanent overhead power line interferes with reasonable play of a hole and a ball hits the power line, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made. Rule 14.6

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