



2018 ALBERTA GOLF CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION AND STANDARD LOCAL RULES

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf effective 2016, the 2016-2017 Decisions on the Rules of Golf, and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Conditions of Competition, subject to changes, additions or deletions for particular Championships by the Rules Committee of Alberta Golf. The complete text of Rules and Appendix I, Parts A and B, may be found in the Rules of Golf effective 2016.

Unless otherwise noted, penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is:

Stroke Play: two strokes

Match Play: loss of hole

CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

Specification of the ball and clubs: Only golf balls and golf clubs that have been tested on apparatus approved by Golf Canada and found to conform to the current Golf Canada list may be used. The current List of Conforming Golf Balls is available on the Golf Canada website. **Penalty for Breach of Condition: *Disqualification***

Caddies: See the 2018 Caddie Rules and Regulations

Pace of Play: See the 2018 Alberta Golf Pace of Play Policy.

Code of Conduct: See the 2018 Alberta Golf Code of Conduct.

Discontinuance of Play: When play is suspended because of a potentially dangerous situation, a player must discontinue play immediately. **Penalty for Breach of Condition: *Disqualification***

All practice areas are closed when play is suspended for a dangerous situation until the Tournament Committee has declared them open.

A suspension for a **dangerous situation** will be signalled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signalled by three consecutive air horn notes. Resumption of play will be signalled by two short air horn notes.

Practice: Prior to and following play of a stipulated round in stroke play, a player may practice only in the designated practice areas. During play of a stipulated round in stroke play, a player may not practice on or near the putting green of the hole last played or roll a ball on the putting green of the hole last played; in match play, such actions are permitted.

Transportation: Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Tournament Committee. **Exception:** A Rules Official may provide transportation for a player who must return to the tee or to the point where the previous stroke was made and to assist a player to catch up with play as the Rules Official deems appropriate. See the Alberta Golf Rules and Competitions Manual for the Transportation Policy for Senior, Mid-Handicap, Ladies Team Classics, Interclub competitions, and medical exemptions. **Penalty for Breach of Condition: *See Penalty Statement in Appendix 1, Part B, Section 8.***

Scorecards: Must be returned to the Committee immediately upon completion of play of the final hole of the stipulated round. **Penalty for Breach of Condition: *Disqualification***

Close of Competition: The competition is deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when the Committee has approved all scores.



STANDARD LOCAL RULES

1. **Abnormal Ground Conditions - Rule 25**

Ground Under Repair includes:

- a. Areas defined by white lines;
- b. French drains filled with stones;
- c. Seams of Cut Turf: Through the green, seams of cut turf (but not the turf itself) are deemed to be ground under repair. However, interference by a seam with the player's stance is not, of itself, interference under Rule 25-1. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 25-1. All seams within the area of cut turf are considered the same seam.
- d. Flower beds (mandatory relief).

2. **Embedded Ball Through the Green**

Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. **Exceptions:**

- a. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown.
- b. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

3. **Obstructions - Rule 24**

Roads and paths which are artificially surfaced are immovable obstructions. Fences immediately bordering a cart path, and any severely worn areas touching or in close proximity to such roads and paths, whether or not painted with white lines, are considered to be part of the immovable obstruction.

4. **Wood Chips and Mulch**

Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments.

5. **Integral Parts of the Course**

Wrappings, wires, cables, and other objects when closely attached to trees are integral parts of the course.

6. **Permanent Elevated Cables or Power Lines**

If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable, the stroke MUST be cancelled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played in accordance with Rule 20-5.

7. **Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green - Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:**

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced."

8. **Distance Measuring Devices**

For all Alberta Golf competitions, the local Rule in Appendix I, Part A, Section 7, is in effect. A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance measuring device.

A multi-functional device, such as a smartphone or PDA, may be used as a distance measuring device, but it must not be used to gauge or measure other conditions where doing so would be in breach of rule 14-3.

9. **Modification of Score Card Penalty - The exception to rule 6-6d is modified as follows:**

Exception: If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not know he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition.