



## MENS OPEN RULES SHEET

RCGA Rules shall govern play except where modified by local rules. Each player is responsible for knowing the rules of golf.

**WHITE TEES. On Sunday the top 2 flights will be playing from the BLUE TEES.  
Summer (The Rules of Golf) Rules are in effect.**

Red stakes/painted lines denote a penalty area. It is now within the rules to ground your club in a penalty area given that the ball is not moved. When a ball is found in a penalty area, the player may either: a) Play the ball as it lies without penalty or b) Play a ball from outside the penalty area by taking relief:

17.1d: (1) Stroke and Distance Relief. One stroke penalty. The player may play a ball from where the previous stroke was made. (2) Back on the Line Relief. One stroke penalty. The player may drop a ball in a relief area that is based on a reference point going straight

If a player seeks relief from the penalty area on hole #5 regardless of what hole the shot was played from, they may take relief under the penalty area rule, or drop in the drop area. The drop area is marked with white paint.

If there is doubt whether a ball is in the penalty area on hole #7, 8, or 12, the player may play another ball provisionally under any of the applicable options in 26-1.

If the original ball is found outside the penalty area, the player must continue play with it.

If the original ball is found in the penalty area, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue with the ball played provisionally under 26-1.

If the original ball is not found or identified within the three-minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.

White stakes to right of Hole #10 and the left of hole #18 denote out of bounds.

Free relief shall be taken from all "Ground Under Repair" areas marked off with white paint.

Free relief shall be taken from newly planted trees surrounded by drainage pipe around base.

Free relief shall be taken from piles of aerifying plugs used in the repair of fairways and rough.

Wood Chips & Grass Clippings do not constitute relief, ball must be played as it lies.

Any loose impediments in bunkers are considered movable obstructions.

Through the green, relief may be taken from a ball embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground, other than in a penalty area. The ball may be lifted without penalty, cleaned, and dropped as near as possible to where the original lay no closer to the hole.

Cart paths and roadways are defined as graveled surfaces. Worn areas do not constitute a path or roadway unless marked with white paint. Relief may be taken from a cart path/roadway.

**AERATION HOLES** If a ball comes to rest in an aeration hole, the player may, without penalty, lift the ball and clean it. Through the green, the player shall drop the ball, as near as possible, to where it lay, but not nearer to the hole. On the green, the player shall place the ball at the nearest spot, not nearer the hole, which avoids such situation.

If the ball lies on a putting green other than that of the hole you are playing, the player is entitled to free relief at the nearest point off of the putting surface, no closer to the hole.

**Pace of play will be enforced!** Elapsed time is posted on each tee sign. Keep up with the pace of play as posted.

Any group falling out of position (one hole open in front) will be warned and put on the clock. A second warning for slow play will result in a one-stroke penalty. Once a group being timed is back in the appropriate position, they will be immediately taken off the clock.

If in doubt of any rule or procedure, play two balls in **accordance with rule 3-3** and ask for a ruling on completion of play.

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