



MEN'S SENIOR OPEN RULES SHEET

Rules of Golf: Golf Canada Rules of Golf govern play except where modified by these Local Rules. Each player is responsible for knowing the rules.

FORMAT

This is a gross stroke play event. Players will compete without handicaps, and the lowest total score wins.

Teeing Grounds: Players must play from the designated tournament tees: white tees for ages 50 to 64 and yellow tees for ages 65 and older. Note: playing from yellow tees excludes golfers from the overall champion award, however, all other prizes/placings are available.

Penalty Areas (Red Stakes/Lines): A player may ground the club in a penalty area provided the ball is not moved. If the ball is in a penalty area, the player may play it as it lies without penalty, or take Rule 17.1d relief with one penalty stroke: stroke-and-distance, back-on-the-line, or lateral relief for a red penalty area.

Drop Area - Hole #5: If taking relief from the penalty area on hole #5, the player may use the marked drop area with one penalty stroke.

Hole #7, #15, #16, #17 Fence / Red Penalty Area: The fence located inside the red penalty area is an immovable obstruction. If the ball lies outside the penalty area and the fence interferes with the lie, stance, or area of intended swing, free relief is available under Rule 16.1. Take the nearest point of complete relief and drop within one club-length, no nearer the hole, in the general area. If the ball lies in the penalty area, there is no free relief from the fence; play it as it lies or proceed under Rule 17 with one penalty stroke. No free relief for line of play only.

Hole #12 Sodded Areas: If the ball is within the sodded area, take the nearest point of complete relief and drop within one club-length, no nearer to the hole, in the general area.

Fenced Areas: All fenced areas are extremely culturally sensitive. Balls are not to be retrieved from these areas and golfers must not enter these areas for any reason at any time.

Provisional/Second Ball: If in doubt whether a ball is in the penalty area on holes #7, #8, or #12, the Committee permits a provisional ball under the penalty-area relief options. If the original is found outside the penalty area, it must be played. If there is doubt about any other ruling or procedure, play two balls under Rule 20.1c(3) and report to the Committee before signing the scorecard.

Out of Bounds: White stakes right of hole #10 and left of hole #18 denote out of bounds. Stroke and distance applies.

Free Relief: Free relief is available from newly planted trees surrounded by drainage pipe; piles of aerifying plugs used in repair; cart paths and roadways defined as graveled surfaces; wrong putting greens; and a ball embedded in its own pitch mark in the general area.

No Free Relief: Wood chips and grass clippings do not constitute relief; play the ball as it lies. Loose impediments in bunkers may be removed, provided the ball is not moved.

Pace of Play: Keep up with the group ahead and the posted elapsed time. A group one hole open in front may be warned and put on the clock. A second warning for slow play will result in a one-stroke penalty.

Suspension of Play: One prolonged blast of the horn means play is suspended by the Committee.

Scoring:

- Each golfer is responsible for keeping an accurate scorecard.
- Exchange scorecards with another golfer in your group.
- Scorecards must be signed and attested before turning them in.

Ties / Scorecard Playoff:

- Champions: sudden-death playoff beginning with hole 18 and then following through 1 until a victor is determined.
- All other ties: scorecard playoff using gross-score retrogression - compare the back 9 (holes 10-18), then last 6 (13-18), last 3 (16-18), hole 18; if still tied, front 9 (1-9), front 6 (4-9), front 3 (7-9), hole 9.