

ALBERTA GOLF STANDARD LOCAL RULES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

PLAY is governed by the current RCGA Rules of Golf ([Link available on CLGA Website](#)) and its decisions and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and definitions, subject to changes, additions or deletions for particular championships by the Rules of Golf Committee of Alberta Golf and may be amended by supplementary local rules.

Local rules are provided on the back of the score card.

(Insert back of scorecard photo if local rules listed there)

1. TIME OF STARTING (Rule 6-3a): All players in a group must be present and ready to play at the time laid down by the Committee.

Penalty for breach: DISQUALIFICATION. However, if a player arrives at the starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes after the group's starting time, a penalty of 2 strokes will occur.

2. SCORE CARDS must be returned to the Committee immediately upon completion of play. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. A scorer table will be set up outside the snack shop.

3. PRACTICING: Stroke play competitions – A player must not play any practice stroke on or near a putting green of the hole last played. If a practice stroke is played on or near the putting green of the hole last played, the player shall incur a penalty of two strokes at the next hole, except that in the case of the last hole of the round, she incurs the penalty at that hole.

4. GOLF BALLS / GOLF CLUBS: Only golf balls and golf clubs which have been tested on apparatus approved by the RCGA and found to conform to the current RCGA list may be used. A list of conforming balls and non-conforming clubs is available from the RCGA or Alberta Golf.

PENALTY FOR BREACH: DISQUALIFICATION.

Note: The Committee may require, in the conditions of a competition (Rule 33-1), that any driver the player carries must have a clubhead identified by model and loft that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads recognized by the RCGA on its website www.rgca.org.

5. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: For all play, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a *stipulated round*, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional

function is actually used. Sharing of distance information with fellow competitors is not considered advice.

6. ELECTRONIC DEVICES: The use of cell phones, audible beepers, MP3 players, iPods, or any other electronic device is strictly prohibited (except as set out below) during a *stipulated round*. If carried by the player or located in the player's bag, such devices must be turned off before the start of and at all times during the stipulated round.

Exception: During a *stipulated round*, a player may turn on and refer to an electronic device only to assist the player in determining whether there is a danger from lightening. Any reference to an electronic device during a stipulated round must be reported to the Committee as soon as practicable.

If she does so and the Committee considers her reason satisfactory there is no penalty, otherwise the player incurs the general penalty for breach of the Standard Local Rules.

7. ROADS AND PATHS which are artificially surfaced are immovable obstructions. Any severely worn areas touching or in close proximity to such roads and paths, whether painted with white lines or not, are considered to be part of the immovable obstruction. Relief may be taken in accordance with Rule 24-2B.

8. GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Relief must be taken from flowerbeds. A drop area has been provided by any area for any ball that ends up in a flower bed.

9. LIFTING AN EMBEDDED BALL: Through the green, a ball which is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, other than sand, 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.

10. ELEVATED POWER LINES AND SUPPORT WIRES: If a ball strikes such a line, the stroke **must** be cancelled and a ball played, without penalty, from where the previous stroke was played.

11. SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION

- **DANGEROUS SITUATION – SUSPEND PLAY:** One prolonged horn/siren note. When play is suspended for a dangerous situation PLAYERS SHALL DISCONTINUE PLAY IMMEDIATELY and mark their ball where it lies and shall not thereafter resume play until the committee has ordered a resumption of play. **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THIS LOCAL RULE: DISQUALIFICATION.** All practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation and shall remain closed until the Committee has declared them open for use.
- **RESUME PLAY:** Two (2) consecutive short horn/siren notes.

Note: Rule 6-8 allows an individual player to discontinue play if the player believes there is danger from lightning. If the player discontinues play without specific permission from the

Committee, the player shall report to the Committee as soon as practicable. If the player does so and the Committee considers the reason satisfactory, the player incurs no penalty. Otherwise, the player shall be disqualified.

LOCAL RULES

Play is governed by the current RCGA Rules of Golf effective January 1, 2008, Decisions on the Rules of Golf, Alberta Golf Standard Local Rules and these supplementary local rules:

1. Out of Bounds: All boundary fences and all areas marked by white stakes. A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds, and which comes to rest beyond that road, is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

2. Ground Under Repair: All ground under repair will be marked with white paint.

3. Pace of Play: All players have the responsibility to play within a maximum time of 4 hours 20 minutes. Penalty for slow play (Rule 6-7):

- First offense – one stroke
- Second offense – two strokes
- Subsequent offense –Disqualification

4. Doubt as to procedure (Rule 3-3): In the interest of pace of play, be reminded: If a player is in doubt as to her rights or procedure, and a Rules Person is not readily available, she may, without penalty, play a second ball. She must announce her intention to invoke this Rule and which ball she will score with if the rules permit. The competitor must report the facts to the Committee before returning her scorecard. Penalty for breach is disqualification.