



# GREATER TAMPA JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION

## Local Rules and Conditions of Competitions

(Effective 1 January 2017)



The current USGA Rules of Golf govern play. See applicable *Notice to Players* and *GTJGA Policies* for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the current “*Rules of Golf*.”

Disregard Local Rules printed on club scorecards and/or posted at the course. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Match play -- Loss of hole; Stroke play -- Two strokes.

### LOCAL RULES

#### OUT OF BOUNDS:

- Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes, lines, and perimeter fence posts.
- When the inside edge of a paved road or curb defines out of bounds, a ball that is on or beyond the road or curb is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the golf course.

**WATER HAZARDS AND LATERAL WATER HAZARDS:** When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** Defined by white lines and/or signs. Other areas of ground under repair, even when not marked, include:

- French drains (trenches filled with stones or the like)
- Fire ant hills (Note: For a player whose ball is in a water hazard and is affected by a fire ant hill, see Decision 1-4/10)

**SEAMS OF CUT TURE:** Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

#### **OBSTRUCTIONS AND INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE:**

- White lined areas tying into obstructions are part of the obstruction.
- When located within hazards, artificial walls and pilings are integral parts of the course unless otherwise provided for in *Notice to Players*.
- When closely attached to trees, wrappings, electrical wire, and cables are integral parts of the course

**EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN:** Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS:** Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments

**TURF PLUGS:** On putting greens, turf plugs have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired under Rule 16-1c even if not 4 ¼ “.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** A player may obtain distance information by use of a DMD. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a DMD to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play, (elevation changes, wind speed, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance- measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance- measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play, the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

#### **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.

### CONDITIONS OF COMPETITIONS

#### **LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS:** Optional

Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

#### **LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS:** Optional Condition

as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**PACE OF PLAY:** The GTJGA “TIMING” Policy is in effect.

#### **SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION:**

Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open.

- Discontinue play immediately: One prolonged signal note.
- Discontinue play: Three consecutive short signal notes, repeated
- Resume play: Two short signal notes, repeated.

**OFFICIAL EVENT:** In multiple-day tournaments, an official event may be constituted by reverting to the results of an earlier round. One-day tournaments will be comprised of two consecutive 9 -hole stipulated rounds. In the event that every player in a division is unable to complete 18 holes but has completed the same 9 holes and the event is subsequently cancelled, the 9-hole score will count and results will be based on this score. Same nine holes must be completed by every person in a division for the winner of that division to count.

**CLOSE OF COMPETITION:** The competition is deemed to have closed when the winner has been announced, or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.