

Play in the Seaforth CC is governed by the 2019 Golf Canada Rules of Golf, and, where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition, subject to changes, additions or deletions for particular competitions.

- Complete text of Local Rules may be found in the 2019 Golf Canada Official Guide to the Rules of Golf.
- Unless otherwise noted, breach of a GLT Local Rule or Term of the Competition will result in the General Penalty: Match play - Loss of hole; Stroke play - Two strokes.
- Amendments to the GLT Local Rules and Terms of Competition will be issued by the Official Starter on 1st tee.
- If no Amendments are present, the GLT Local Rules and Terms of the Competition will be the sole source document for Local Rules and Terms of Competition.

These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition, together with any supplemental Local Rules and Terms of the Competition published by the GLT and available from the Official Starter for a specific tournament or round, will apply until further notice to all tournaments organized by the GLT:

## LOCAL RULES

### 1. **Code of Conduct (Rule 1.2b)**

Any player who breaches the Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy as established by the GLT is subject to any or all of the following:

- Warning
- One-stroke penalty
- General penalty
- Disqualification
- Fine and/or Deduction of Order of Merit Points
- Prohibition from Competing in one or more GLT events

The current version of the policy may be viewed on the GLT website.

### 2. **Caddies (Rule 10.3)**

A player must not have another player in the competition, who has played or will play in the same round, as his or her caddie during a round. The player gets the General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

### 3. **Motorized Transportation Policy**

#### **A. Motorized Transportation Prohibited**

When motorized transportation is not permitted, model

Local Rule G-6 is in effect and modified as follows:

"During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Tournament Committee. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorised to ride on motorized transportation. The Tournament Committee will also identify opportunities for authorized shuttling of players and caddies between holes using supplemental Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for a specific tournament or round. Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole."

#### **B. Motorized Transportation Permitted**

When motorized transportation is permitted, there is a limit of two golf carts per group. If a golf cart is shared by two or more players, the cart and everything in it are considered to be the equipment of the player whose ball is involved, except that, when the cart is being moved by one of the players (or caddies) sharing it, the cart and everything in it are deemed to be that player's (or side's) equipment. When using a golf cart, the player must not:

- Permit anyone other than a player or caddie to drive the cart (other than moving it a very short distance to facilitate play).
- When practical, drive past any player's ball to gauge distance or gather any other information about the shot or hole.

Penalty for breach of this Term of the Competition is the General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, the General Penalty applies to the next hole.

### 4. **Clubs and Balls (Rules 4.1a & 4.2a)**

**A. List of Conforming Driver Heads:** Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.

**B. Groove and Punch Mark Specifications:** Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.

**C. List of Conforming Golf Balls:** Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.

**D. One Ball Rule:** Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect. Penalty for breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.

Note that an updated List of Conforming Clubs and Balls is available via [www.golfcanada.ca/rules](http://www.golfcanada.ca/rules).

### 5. **Pace of Play (Rule 5.6)**

The player must play without delay in accordance with the current GLT Pace of Play Policy in effect. Note that Different Pace of Play Policies are in effect for different forms of competition. The player is responsible for knowing the Pace of Play Policy and penalties specific to the event. Note that Rule 5.6a (Unreasonable Delay

of Play) is still applicable, meaning players may be monitored or timed without formal warning. The Referee or Tournament Committee member determines when a player subject to timing is able to play. Not all players in a group may be subject to timing or penalty for slow play.

### 6. **Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7)**

The course and all practice areas are closed immediately when play is suspended for a dangerous situation until the Tournament Committee has declared them open. A player practicing in these areas when closed will be subject to penalties under the Code of Conduct.

#### **A. Discontinue Play Immediately**

- A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn blast.

#### **B. Discontinue Play**

- All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive air horn blasts.

#### **C. Resume Play**

- Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn blasts.

### 7. **Practice (Rules 5.2 and 5.5)**

#### **A. Practice Before or Between Rounds in Stroke Play**

Rule 5.2a is modified in this way: A player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for first breach: General Penalty (applied to the player's first hole). Penalty for second breach: Disqualification.

#### **B. Practice on or Near Previous Putting Green Prohibited**

Rule 5.5b is modified in this way: Between the play of two holes, a player must not:

- Make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or
- Test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

### 8. **Playing Two Balls (Rule 20-1c)**

Playing two balls to resolve a Rules issue in Stroke Play in the absence of a Referee or member of the Tournament Committee is encouraged. All outstanding Rulings must be resolved by the Tournament Committee in the scoring area at the conclusion of round. Clarification must be sought prior to player signing scorecard/leaving scoring area. Once player leaves scoring area his/her card is official and score will stand as posted, subject to review by the Tournament Committee per the Rules of Golf.

### 9. **Teeing Area (Rule 6.1)**

The Official Starter will let all players know if the Official GLT White Tee-Markers are not in use for a specific tournament or round.

### 10. **Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)**

Defined by course-side points at ground level of white lines, dashes, dots, stakes, fence posts and walls. A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall defining a boundary of the course.

A ball played from one side of a road that is defined as

out of bounds and comes to rest on the other side of that road is out of bounds. This is true even if the ball comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

#### 11. **Penalty Areas (Rule 17)**

When a red penalty area is not defined on all sides, it is deemed to extend to infinity.

##### **A. *Opposite Side Relief Where Ball last Crossed Edge of Penalty Area Where the Edge and the Boundary of the Course Coincide***

When a player's ball last crosses the edge of a penalty area where the edge of the penalty area and a boundary of the course coincide, that edge is deemed red and opposite side relief is always available under model local rule B-2.1

##### **B. *Opposite Side, Same Distance Relief for Red Penalty Areas***

A supplemental Local Rules and Terms of the Competition sheet will specify which, if any, red penalty areas have an opposite side same distance option. Model local rule B-2.1 will apply only to the penalty areas that are listed.

##### **C. *Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas***

Where a dropping zone is marked for a penalty area, it is an additional option for relief under penalty of one stroke. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3, meaning a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

#### 12. **Wood Chips and Mulch (Rule 15.1)**

Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments.

#### 13. **Abnormal Course Conditions including Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16)**

##### **A. *Restriction on Relief from Stance in Animal Hole (Rule 16.1)***

Rule 16.1 is modified in that interference does not exist if the animal hole interferes only with the player's stance.

##### **B. *Temporary Water on Putting Green (Rule 16.1d)***

If relief cannot be taken under the applicable Rule, please inform the Tournament Committee immediately to allow a determination to be made as to whether conditions of a putting green have deteriorated such that play cannot continue. Due to resource constraints, it is unlikely the Tournament Committee will authorize the squeegeeing of a green or greens during play.

##### **C. *Ground Under Repair* (Rule 16.1) includes:**

- Areas defined by white lines, including spectator crossing paths where marked.
- French drains (stones filled drainage ditches).
- Bunkers with signage or white painted letters GUR (or G.U.R.).
- Seams of Cut Turf (if a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf), or a seam interferes with the player's area intended swing):
  - Ball in the General Area: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.
  - Ball on Putting Green: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

- Interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.
- All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. That means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.
- Holes left by movable obstructions in parts of the general area cut to fairway height or less, but free relief is only available for lie of ball or area of intended swing, not interference with stance.
- Immovable Objects - White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced road or path or other identified obstruction they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.
- Staked Trees – Staked trees are immovable obstructions
- No Play Zones – Areas that are ornamental garden beds, turf nurseries or flowerbeds are no play zones that are to be treated as abnormal course conditions. Free relief must be taken from interference by the no play zone under Rule 16.1f.
- Aeration Holes – If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:
  - Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole, the player may take relief again under this rule.
  - Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under 16.1d.
  - Interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or line of play.

#### 14. **Integral Objects (Rule 8.1)**

The following are integral objects from which free relief is not allowed:

- Wrappings, wires, cables and other similar objects when closely attached to trees.
- Artificial walls and/or pilings which are adjacent to the edge of bunkers or within penalty areas.
- Bunker liners in their intended position. Interference by a liner with a player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under this Rule.
- Any closed gate attached to a boundary object.

#### 15. **Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables (Rule 14.6)**

Model E-11 is in effect, but only for a ball that strikes permanent, elevated power line or cable located in bounds and not the supporting structure. The stroke does not count, and the player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made.

#### 16. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions**

Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect. Temporary Immovable Obstructions include, but are not limited to,

seating structures, promotional signage at tees and greens or affixed to other TIOs, starting/scoring tents including any fencing or roped areas immediately adjacent, refreshment stations and pace of play stations. When Temporary Immovable Obstructions exist at a tournament, the status of such obstructions will be noted on the supplemental Local Rules and Terms of the Competition available from the Official Starter.

#### 17. **Modified Rules for Players with Disabilities**

Specified clause(s) of the Modified Rules for Players with Disabilities are in effect for a player when both are approved by the Tournament Committee.

### **TERMS OF THE COMPETITION**

#### 18. **Clothing and Footwear Policy**

A player violating the GLT Clothing and Footwear Policy will be subject to penalties under the Code of Conduct.

#### 19. **Anti-Doping**

Players are required to comply with and be bound by the GLT Anti-Doping Policy. The current version of the policy may be viewed on the GLT website. A player violating the Anti-Doping Policy will be subject to penalties under the Code of Conduct.

#### 20. **Scoring Area and Returning Score Card**

A scoring area will be designated for each event, typically a tent near the final green or a space/room within the host clubhouse. When a tent is used, the official scoring area is defined by the outermost limits of the scoring tent posts, or when the tent is roped off, the scoring area is defined by the outermost limits of the roped off area. A player has officially returned the score card when it has been returned to the defined official scoring area and the player has exited the area with both feet.

#### 21. **Tie Breaking Policy**

If there is a tie for first place, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff to determine the tournament winner immediately following the completion of play for the last stipulated round.

#### 22. **Close of Competition**

On course rulings made by Referees or other members of the Tournament Committee are final. The result of a Stroke Play competition is deemed to be closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner, or in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Tournament Committee. The result of a match is considered to have been officially announced when the Tournament Committee has approved and posted the result on a public scoreboard and/or the GLT website.

#### 20. **Meaning of Round (For Single-Day Events that start on the same hole)**

Single-day events will be comprised of two consecutive 9-hole rounds when all play starts on the same hole. In the

event that every player is unable to complete 18 holes, but has completed 9 holes and the event is subsequently cancelled, the 9-hole score will count and results for the event will be based on this score. Nine holes must be completed by every person for the event to count.