

# Lone Tree Men's Golf Club Local Rules

**USGA rules shall govern play except as noted below.**

**All words in *italics* are included in the Definitions printed in the "R&A USGA Rules of Golf".**

## Local Rule 15.1 Loose Impediments

On the putting green, any living animal, bug, worm etc. that can easily be removed by hand can be considered a loose impediment and therefore can be moved.

## Out of Bounds

Where there are no white stakes or white lines marking *out of bounds* the following applies: *Boundary objects*, fences, and the outside edge of street curbs are the boundary edges of the course. When *out of bounds* is defined by reference to stakes or a fence, wooden or brick, the *out of bounds* line is determined by the nearest inside points at ground level of the stakes or fence posts. When both stakes and lines are used to indicate *out of bounds*, the stakes identify *out of bounds* and the lines define out of bounds. The white stakes with red tops on Hole #6 is the *out of bounds* line for Hole #6 and is the *penalty area* line for Hole #7. The white line on the cart path adjacent to the practice area behind Hole #9 and along the west side of Hole #10 marks the practice area as *out of bounds*.

A ball crossing a street and coming to rest on another part of the course is *out of bounds*.

When a ball last crossed the edge of the red *penalty area* on Hole #1 and is known or is virtually known to be in the *penalty area*, as an extra relief option to Rule 17 and adding one penalty stroke, the player may drop the original ball or another ball on the opposite side of the *penalty area* no closer to the *hole*.

## Holes #6 and #12

For *strokes* taken from the *teeing area* where the ball is in the *penalty area* proceed with Rule 17, *Penalty Areas*. For any other *strokes*, if the ball is in the *penalty area* or it is virtually certain that the ball is in the *penalty area* the player may; (i) proceed under Rule 17 or (ii) as an additional option, drop a ball,

under penalty of one stroke in the dropping zone. **Note: To improve pace of play a *provisional ball* may (and should) be played on these holes if the player is not certain that his ball has cleared the *penalty area* and remained beyond the *yellow or red penalty lines*. This applies to both (i) and (ii) above. If the original ball is found in the *penalty area* within the three-minute search time the player may choose either; (a) play the original ball as it lies in the *penalty area* and the *provisional ball* must not be played. All strokes with that *provisional ball*, before it was abandoned, do not count or, (b) continue to play the *provisional ball* with a penalty of one stroke in which case the original ball must not be played.**

### Holes #6, #8 and #12

The rocks to the left of the cart path between the path and the boundary fence are considered part of the cart path and relief may be taken without penalty if the ball is not *out of bounds*. Additionally, the rocks on the north side of the restrooms on hole #6 are considered part of the cart path and relief can be taken without penalty if the ball is not *out of bounds*.

All flowerbeds are *no play zones* and are treated as *ground under repair*. The player must take relief under Rule 16.

### Penalty for Breach of Local Rules

The Penalty for Breach of above Local Rules is the *general penalty*:

Match Play: Loss of Hole

Stroke Play: Two Strokes

### Sprinkler Head Relief

Relief from interference by an *immovable obstruction* may be taken under Rule 16.1.

The player also has these extra options to take relief when such *immovable obstructions* are close to the *putting green* and on the *line of play*:

**Ball in General Area.** The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an *immovable obstruction* is:

- On the *line of play*, and is:
  - Within two *club-lengths* of the *putting green*, and
  - Within two *club-lengths* of the ball.
  - The ball, prior to taking relief is on closely mowed grass

**Exception – No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable.** There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a *line of play* that is clearly unreasonable.

### Playing of Music on the Course

The "USGA 2019 Rules of Golf", Rule 4.3a, Use of Equipment (4), Audio and Video, now allows listening to audio or watching video on matters unrelated to the competition being played. But in doing so, consideration should be shown to others (See Rule 1.2). Rule 1.2 **Standards of Player Conduct** lists what behavior is expected of all players. Also under this rule, "Penalties other than disqualification may be imposed for player misconduct only if those penalties are adopted as part of a Code of Conduct under Rule 1.2b.

So that penalties other than disqualification can be assessed in an instance where a player is not showing proper consideration for his fellow competitors, the LTMGC Board has adopted the following **Code of Conduct** as a part of the LTMGC Local Rules.

If a player wants to play music during a tournament, he should, before starting a round, inform his fellow competitors of his intention. Agreement should be reached among the tee time group to understand when and where music can be played and at what volume. After doing this, the music player must ensure that his music does not adversely affect any players in his group or any other players on the course. If a fellow competitor feels that he is being adversely affected, it is his responsibility to inform the person playing the music how he feels, with the attempt to resolve the situation.

If there are subsequent instances of lack of consideration, the offended party should report the situation to the Board at the completion of the round. The Board will investigate the situation and can impose the following penalties:

- **First Breach:** Warning

- **Second Breach:** One stroke penalty
- **Third Breach:** General penalty (two strokes for stroke play and loss of hole in match play)
- **Fourth Breach:** Serious misconduct will be handled under “Article IX, Discipline” of the LTMGC By-Laws

Breaches can occur during a single tournament and will accumulate over subsequent tournaments.