



Alberta Golf Tour Rules Sheet

1. Golf Canada rules govern all play except where modified by local rules. **Please familiarize yourself with Local Rules on the back of the course's scorecard and on this Rules Sheet.**
2. **We will be playing a local forest/fescue rule.** You may treat all heavily treed/grassed areas as a red lateral penalty area. You may search for your ball up to a **maximum of THREE minutes (if you are IN POSITION. If you are already behind, you are not allotted the full time)**. You then have 3 options:
 - 1) re-hit the shot from the same spot, or
 - 2) drop as far back as you want keeping the point of entry directly between you and the flag, or
 - 3) 2 club lengths from point of entry (on lost or found ball) in any direction no closer to the hole.You will take a **1 stroke penalty** for any of these options.
3. Please note that we are NOT adopting Model Local Rule E-5. If your ball is Out of Bounds, you must re-hit.
4. **Distance Measuring Devices:** A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only, NOT slope, wind, etc. General Penalty (2 strokes) for first breach. DQ for second breach.
5. **If you are unsure of a rule, play two balls and check with the Rules Committee immediately after your round. (Rule 20.1C3).**
6. **Abnormal Course Conditions**
 - a. Ground Under Repair includes areas defined by white lines; French drains filled with stones are ground under repair. Flower beds are ground under repair no play zones.
 - b. Relief from 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 of intended swing, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.
 - c. Immovable Obstructions – White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced road or path, or other identified obstructions they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.
 - d. Model Local Rule F-5 adopted: Immovable Obstructions near the green. (i.e. relief from sprinkler heads if in line of putting from the fringe)
 - e. Model Local Rule F-12 adopted: relief from animal dung
7. **Bunkers and Rakes - LIFT, RAKE, AND PLACE WHEN IN A FOOTPRINT** - Since Covid, players seem to have forgotten bunkers are to be raked. Players may take free relief from disturbed areas in the bunkers in the form of a preferred lie (place the ball), but such relief must be taken in the same spot, no closer to the hole, and re-creating the original lie. Please remember to rake and leave on the ground parallel to the direction of the hole.
8. Please hand in all scorecards signed and totaled to the Scoring Area *immediately* after your round, and then enter your official TOURNAMENT score into Golf Canada.
9. In the event of a tie for 1st place in any division, a playoff will ensue as long as course availability allows for it. For ties in all other positions the players will split the prize money evenly. Retrogression (not to be confused with countback) will be used if the golf course can not get us out to play the playoff holes.
10. Yes, you may have an alcoholic beverage. No, you may not get belligerent. BE RESPONSIBLE, or this wonderful aspect of our tournaments may get revoked, or an individual may be asked to leave the Tour.
11. **GOOD LUCK & HAVE FUN!**



Alberta Golf Tour Pace of Play Policy

The Alberta Golf Tour policy leaves the responsibility for maintaining the pace of play where it belongs, with the player. Efficient pace of play is a huge factor of a successful and positive Alberta Golf Tour experience for all participants in accordance with the Golf Canada Rules of Golf.

PLAY READY GOLF AT ALL TIMES WHEN IT IS SAFE AND REASONABLE TO DO SO.

Lead Group(s): The first group(s) must finish their first nine holes within the maximum allotted time established by the committee (on your scorecard). The first group(s) off each tee must also finish 18 holes within the maximum allotted time established by the committee. Failure to finish under this maximum allotted time for 18-holes will result in a 1-stroke penalty, which will be assessed to the score on the final hole of play. If they finish over 14 minutes over maximum allotted time, a 2-stroke penalty will be applied.

Exception: If the lead group(s) are held up by public play that was sent out before them or that began on the opposite tee, they will be exempt from the pace of play penalty(s) if they finish over their maximum time but within 14 minutes of the group ahead of them.

Following Groups: A verbal warning will be assessed to any group failing to complete their 9th hole within 14 minutes of the group in front of them AND over their maximum allotted time. A 1-stroke penalty will be assessed to any group failing to complete their 18th hole over 14 minutes behind the group in front of them AND over their maximum allotted time, and a 2-stroke penalty will be assessed at the 22 minute mark.

Players are advised of the following:

- Rules officials are not required to notify a player and/or group that they are behind. This is the responsibility of the group and each individual player in that group
- Each group is responsible for monitoring its own pace and for being in position
- As a courtesy to each player, the pace of play policy will be reiterated on the starting hole
- As a courtesy to each player, the maximum allotted time will be on your official scorecard
- If a player is penalized three (3) times during the season that player will be suspended from tournament play for a minimum of six (6) months