

2023 Willow Park local rules sheet

Current Golf Canada Rules of Golf govern play except as modified by these Local Rules

1. Out of Bounds

All fences, clubhouse, pro shop, putting green area, parking lot, driving range, short game facility, maintenance grounds and areas marked by white stakes or lines are Out of Bounds. (Rule 18.2 – Ball Lost or Out of Bounds)

A Ball that crosses over or under a road that is Out of Bounds (Hole 18, between hole 4 and 5, and between hole 2 and 3) and comes to rest beyond that boundary is deemed Out of Bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes. (Local Rule A-3)

2. Rock Borders and Walls

Rock walls and curbs are Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16). The rock curbs that border paved pathways are deemed to be part of the pathway.

3. Overhead Power Line

If a ball strikes an overhead power line, the ball must be abandoned, the stroke disregarded, and another ball played from that position – without penalty. (Local Rule E-11)

4. Nurseries and Flower Gardens

The flower gardens located Through the Green are deemed Ground Under Repair from which relief MUST be taken.

5. Hole #18 – Rock Garden within Penalty Area from which Penalty Must be Taken

If a ball comes to rest within the large garden that is contained within the Lateral Water Hazard on hole #18, the player must proceed under penalty under Rule 17 – Penalty Area.

6. Sprinkler Heads on the Edge of a Putting Green

Sprinkler heads are Immovable Obstructions and Rule 16.1 provides relief for Swing and Stance interference. In addition, if the Ball lies Through the Green (i.e. not in a Hazard) and a sprinkler head within two club lengths of the Putting Green and within two club lengths of the Ball intervenes on the Line of Play, the player may take relief as follows. Mark the ball, lift and drop the ball at the nearest point to where the ball lay, which (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids such intervention, and (c) is not in a Hazard or on the Putting Green. (Local Rule F-5)

7. Drop Zones on Hole 10 & Hole 16 - additional options for a ball in lateral hazard

Hole 10 A Drop Zone behind and to the right of the green is available for a ball crossing the pathway and entering the lateral hazard to the right of the bridge.

Hole 16 Two Drop Zones are available to the left of the green for a ball entering the lateral (red staked) water hazard between the two Drop Zones. Players may

only select the Drop Zone that is nearest to the point of entry and no closer to the hole than the point of entry.

8. Practice Chipping Area

The chipping green along the east side of the parking lot and the immediate surrounding area are part of the Course on which practice is permitted prior to or between rounds of Stroke Play Competition. (Rule 5.2b)

9. Relief from Tree Roots

If a ball lies on a closely mown area and exposed tree roots interfere with the lie of the ball or the area of intended swing, without penalty, the player may lift the ball and drop it within one club length of the Nearest Point of Relief, no closer to the hole. (*Local Rule F-9*)

Notes: Closely Mown Area represents all areas that are cut to fairway height.