

Calgary Ladies Closed Amateur Tournament Rules Document

Play is governed by the Golf Canada Rules of Golf effective January 2019, the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, the Hosting Club Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Unless otherwise noted, penalty for breach of a local rule in stroke play is two strokes.

Rules and Terms of Conditions for this Competition

1. **FORMAT:** This tournament is a 54 hole stroke play three day event, with net and gross prizes awarded within each of the flights.
2. **TIME OF STARTING:** All competitors in a group must be at their assigned tee box and ready to play ten minutes prior to the assigned tee time laid out by the committee. Under Rule 5.3a, failure to be present at the assigned tee time will result in disqualification. EXCEPTION: If a competitor arrives at their starting tee box, ready to play within 5 minutes after the group's starting time, the competitor will be allowed to begin to play but will incur a two stroke penalty.
3. **SCORE CARDS:** All score cards must be returned to the scoring committee immediately upon completion of play. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Prior to submitting your score card, review with your score marker your hole by hole score. Under Rule 3.3b, signing of a lower score for any given hole will result in disqualification, with certain limited exceptions as specified in Rule 3.3b.
4. **PACE OF PLAY:** Pace of play is 4 hours and 08 minutes to complete the 18 holes. If a group has been identified as out of position, all competitors in that group will be warned. Failure to get back into position after warning will result in each competition in the group being timed. The identified slow competitor(s) may be penalized as follows: first offence, 1 stroke penalty; second offence, 2 stroke penalty; subsequent offence, disqualification. Under Rule 6.4b, "Ready golf" is strongly encouraged and it is expected for all competitors to keep up with the group in front of them.
5. **COMPETITOR INTEGRITY:** Under Rule 1.3, so long as a competitor does what can be reasonably expected in the circumstances, the competitor's "reasonable judgement" when estimating or determining a spot, point, line, area or distance will be upheld.
6. **PRACTICING DURING STROKE PLAY:** For this competition, a competitor must not practice on the competition course before a round or between rounds, except that the competitor may practise before or after a round on any practice area that is open to the competition. A competitor must not make any form of practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed. Breach of this local rule will result in the competitor incurring a two stroke penalty. The penalty of two strokes is applied at the next hole, except in the case of the last hole of the round, the player incurs the penalty at that hole.

7. **GOLF BALLS / GOLF CLUBS:** Under Rule 4.1a and 4.2a, all competitors must use only golf balls and golf clubs which conform to the Equipment Rules of the Rules of Golf. The penalty for breach of these rules is disqualification.
8. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** Under Rule 4.3, a competitor may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only and no other function can be used. If it is determined other functions on a measuring device are being used in competition, a two stroke penalty will be assessed for breach. Subsequent breach, unrelated to the first, will result in disqualification. Sharing of distance information with fellow competitors is not considered advice.
9. **CELL PHONES:** The use of a cell phone is strictly prohibited during a stipulated round, unless it is being used as a Distance Measuring Device. If carried by the player, or located in the competitor's bag, cell phones must be turned off before the start of, and always during, the stipulated round. Exception: During a stipulated round, a player may turn on and refer to an electronic device only to assist the player in determining whether there is a danger from lightning or to contact a rules official for a ruling. Any reference to a cell phone during a stipulated round must be reported to the Committee as soon as practicable. If the competitor does so and the committee considers her reason satisfactory there is no penalty. Otherwise, the competitor incurs a two stroke penalty for breach of this local rule.
10. **LIFTING OF AN EMBEDDED BALL:** Under Rule 16.3, a ball which is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the general area, other than sand or penalty areas, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped within 1 club length right behind where the ball is embedded but not nearer the hole, except when interference by anything other than the ball being embedded makes the stroke clearly unreasonable. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. If the ball is embedded on the putting green, the competitor may mark the ball, lift and clean the ball, repair the damage caused by the ball's impact and replace the ball on its original spot.
11. **ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL:** Under Rule 10.1a, there is no penalty for accidentally striking the ball more than once in the course of a stroke. There is no penalty for accidentally moving a ball on the putting green or in reasonable actions as part of a fair search for a ball; and a competitor is treated as having caused a ball to move only if it is known or it is "virtually certain" that the competitor did so. If a ball is accidentally moved it must be replaced on its original spot.
12. **GREEN:** Under Rule 10.1a, a competitor may decide to leave the flagstick in the hole or have it removed, but the competitor must decide before making the putting stroke. If the competitor makes a putting stroke with the flagstick left in the hole and the ball in motion hits the flagstick, there is no penalty. Under Rule 13.1c, competitors may repair spike marks and other damage made by shoes, animal damage, ball marks, old hole plugs, seams of cut turf, scrapes or indentations made by the flagstick, equipment, maintenance tools or vehicles and embedded objects on the putting green. There is no penalty for merely touching the line of a putt.
13. **STOPPAGE IN PLAY, SUSPENSION AND RESUMPTION OF PLAY:**

1. DANGEROUS SITUATION (Rule 5.7b (1): Should there be a dangerous situation and play is to be suspended there will be one prolonged horn/siren note. When play is suspended for a dangerous situation all competitors shall stop play at once and mark their ball where it lies and shall not thereafter resume play until the resumption of play is determined by the committee. All practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation and shall remain closed until the Committee has declared them open for use.
 2. OTHER SITUATION: When play is suspended for other situations signaled with consecutive horn/siren notes Rule 5.7B (2) will apply. If the competitors are between holes they must stop play. If the competitors have started play on a hole they may discontinue play immediately or continue to play provided they do so without delay. If the competitors choose to continue play of the hole, they are permitted to discontinue play at any time before completing the hole. In any case, play must be discontinued after the hole is completed. The competitors will resume play when the committee has ordered a resumption of play. Penalty for breach of Rule 5.7b is disqualification. Note: Rule 5.7a allows an individual player to discontinue play if the player believes there is danger from lightning. If the player discontinues play without specific permission from the committee, the competitor shall report to the committee as soon as practicable. If the player does so and the committee considers the reason satisfactory, the player incurs no penalty. Otherwise, the player shall be disqualified.
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14. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Under Rule 16, if a competitor's ball comes to rest on or near any immovable obstruction found on the course such as buildings, tee box protection fences, yardage markers (i.e. bushes, rocks, poles), drainage ditches, staked trees, wire wrapped trees, sprinkler heads, flower beds, artificially surfaced pathways and roadways, and that immovable obstruction interferes with stance or swing, the competitor may take free relief.
 15. **DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE:** Under Rule 20, if a competitor is uncertain as to the right procedure to use, and a rules person is not readily available, the competitor may, without penalty, play a second ball and play out the hole with both balls. The competitor must announce her intention to invoke this rule to her score marker or to another player before making a stroke and which ball the competitor will score with if the rules permit. The competitor must report the facts to the committee before turning in the signed scorecard.