



Twin Oaks Men's Golf Club

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Rules and Greens: Rather than a specific rules review, I would like to take this opportunity to review our TOMGC Local Rules, bullet by bullet. (Some bullets have been combined for simplicity.)

- Out of bounds is defined by white stakes and/or boundary fences. Walking path fences along number 2 and the house fences along number 3, as examples, are out of bounds. There is no relief from out of bounds fences or stakes. The line or stake defining out of bounds is, itself, out of bounds, with out of bounds extending upward and downward from that spot. The ball must be played as it lies, or unplayable relief may be taken at a penalty of one stroke. You may not remove an out of bounds stake because it interferes with your stance and/or swing, which is not true of red or yellow stakes. A ball is out of bounds when the entire ball lies out of bounds.
- Yellow stakes define water hazards, while red stakes define lateral (water) hazards. Please review your options for relief from these hazards. There are 5 options for relief from a lateral (red) hazard, while there are only 3 options for relief from a water (yellow) hazard.
- While all of number 7 pond is played as a water (yellow) hazard for regular play, TOMGC has invoked a local rule which allows number 7 hazard to be played as a water (yellow) hazard for a ball which does not cross the pond, or which enters the hazard at a point between the wood pilings forming the front center of number 7 green. Number 7 pond plays as a lateral (red) hazard for a ball which crosses the pond but goes back into the pond at a point to the right or left of the wood pilings. (As a note, the red stakes around the pond on number 7 are for a ball which might enter the pond from play on number 5 tees or from number 8 tees and/or fairway.)
- For pace of play, drop zones have been created for holes number 4 and 18. These drop zones are to be used for a ball which has entered the hazard to the right/left of these holes such that the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard cannot be determined with reasonable certainty. The drop zones are used at a penalty of one stroke. The drop zones would typically not be used for a ball which has entered the hazard in front of the drop zone location.
- There are areas along some holes on the golf course which may be mistaken as a hazard. Some examples are: the bushes to the left of holes number 1, 2, 6, 10, and number 11. Please review your options for recovery from a ball hit into such areas. (A provisional ball, as an example, might always be your first consideration.)

- The concrete drainage swales on holes such as 4 and 5 are played as immovable obstructions. Free relief is allowed from that point where the ball first entered the ditch, not where the ball may have come to rest. You will notice that this is different than relief from other immovable obstructions, for example a cart path. The difference is that those swales are usually played as a lateral hazard during regulation play, and as such, relief would be from the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the drainage swale, not where the ball may have come to rest in the hazard or swale.
- The boulder which marks the line 150 yards from the center of the green on a particular hole is played as an immovable obstruction. As such, relief is given only if the boulder affects or prohibits a normal stance and or swing. Relief from the boulder is not allowed if that boulder may only interfere with the line of flight of your ball.
- A ball which comes to rest in the Indian Kitchen to the left of hole number 6 fairway, is not to be played from within the Kitchen. Relief of stance and one club length is allowed from a point outside the Kitchen border, no closer to the hole.
- The drop zones on holes number 3 and 7 are not to be used for Wednesday, Saturday, or Senior Team play.
- You may practice on a green once play of that hole has finished, provided such practice does not unduly delay play for the group behind you. The same would apply to practice at the next tee.
- Under normal circumstances, and embedded ball in a closely mown area of the course is allowed to be lifted, cleaned, and dropped as close as possible to the spot where the ball had come to rest. In response to some overly soggy areas on our golf course, the area to the right of number 5 as an example, TOMGC has allowed that the embedded ball rule will extend through the green. Such relief is with the agreement of your fellow playing companions. Of course this would not include a ball in a hazard, bunker, or out of bounds.
- For pace of play, a ball which is hit into any area of the hazard on hole number 3, may be played provisionally from any spot of your choosing on the forward tee area. (This includes an area in front of the tee markers.) Should any ball played before the provisional ball be found, whether in the hazard or not, that ball would become the ball in play and the provisional ball and the stroke to play the provisional ball would be forfeit.
- Electronic devices which measure distance only (watches and lasers) are permitted for use during all Men's Club play, unless advised otherwise. (Those devices and/or apps which measure slope, wind speed and/or direction, for example, would not be allowed during play even if those measures are not being utilized.)

There you have it. Should you have questions and/or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention, and play well.
