

TWIN OAKS MEN'S GOLF CLUB

Local Rules as of February 2021

Play is governed by USGA Rules of golf and its decisions

- Out of Bounds (OB) is defined by White Stakes and Boundary Fences.
- Penalty Areas are defined by Red and/or Yellow Stakes.
- The pilings in front of hole number 7 green are yellow stakes, the rest of the pond is red staked.
- The concrete drainage area left of the cart path on the first hole is an extension of the adjacent penalty area. A ball which has entered the headwall/overpass area under the entry road is OB.
- The Drop Zones for holes number 4 and 18 are to be used when the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the penalty area cannot be determined with reasonable certainty. Drop ball or re-hit from the previous spot with a penalty of one stroke. Drop Zone for hole number 4 is near the corner of the right penalty area about 180 yards from the green. Drop Zone for hole number 18 is beyond the penalty area and left of the forward tee box near the right-hand bend in the cart path.
- The left sides of holes number 1, 2, 6, 10, and 11, as example, are part of the course and are not Penalty Areas. The fences/retaining walls/entry drive are OB.
- All surface drainage ditches are played as immovable obstructions. Drop without penalty within one club length from where the ball is found in the ditch, no closer to the hole.
- The Rocks used as yardage markers are played as immovable obstructions. Free relief is given for interference with Stance and/or Swing only. (Rule 16)
- The Indian Kitchen on the left side of hole number 6 fairway is to be played as ground under repair. Play is not allowed from within the kitchen. Free relief is allowed for stance plus one club length of the kitchen border, no closer to the hole. (Rule 16)
- The Drop Zones on holes number 3 and 7 are NOT to be used for Men's Club or Team play unless advised otherwise.
- Practice on and around the green or near the next tee box is permitted after you have finished the hole if such practice does not unduly delay play. Rule 5.5 is enforced. When asked, you must immediately proceed to the next tee box to avoid a violation.
 - First violation – warning. Subsequent violations – two stroke penalty each
- For pace of play, a ball hit into the Penalty Area anywhere on hole number 3 can be played provisionally from any place on the forward tee box. (Review June 2014 Newsletter)
- A player may use Ground Under Repair rules when it is determined by ALL members playing in his group that he is in a closely mown area of the golf course and that the playing conditions should constitute Ground Under Repair, however, the Course management has failed to properly mark the area as Ground Under Repair.
- As a substitute for stroke and distance, when it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball is out of bounds or lost, a player may, at a penalty of two strokes, play from the spot where his ball has gone out of bounds, or known to be lost. The player may drop his ball equal-distance from the flagstick, anywhere from the spot where his ball went out of bounds, or is known to be lost, to a spot 2-clublengths into the fairway, or other closely mown area no closer to the hole. The player is now lying 3. For further clarification, please refer to Model Local Rule E-5 in your rule book.
- A ball which is hit onto any closely mown area of the golf course, and then found to have a clump of mud on it, by agreement of the players in the group, may be lifted, cleaned, and dropped as close as possible to the area from which it was lifted.

- To preserve our handicap index integrity, when the tee box markers have been moved forward of the terrace containing the monument for that hole, TOMGC will play from the monument terrace. Members can play from a spot of their choosing on the terrace, or from the American Flags when so designated.