



CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION & STANDARD LOCAL RULES

Conditions of the Competition

- **Format:** Weather permitting, 54 holes of stroke play competition with a cut to the low 20 males and ties as well as the low 30 females and ties for the final 18 holes.
- **Tees:** Play will be from the Glencoe Invitational tee markers for each of the men's and women's divisions.
- **Tie Breaking Procedures:** In the event of a tie, a winner will be determined by sudden death playoff starting on Hole #1. If more than one hole is required for a winner to be determined, the following sequence of holes shall be used: 1 through 18.

Play is governed by the R&A/USGA Rules of Golf and its 2023 Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, Glencoe Invitational's Standard Local Rules, and where applicable, by the following Supplementary Local Rules, subject to change up to the start of the Tournament. Unless otherwise provided, the penalty for breach of a local rule is two strokes. Rules on the local (club) scorecard do not apply.

Specification of the ball and clubs: Only golf balls and golf clubs that have been tested on apparatus approved by Golf Canada and found to conform to the current Golf Canada list may be used. The current List of Conforming Golf Balls is available on the Golf Canada website. Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

Pace of Play: See the Glencoe Invitational Pace of Play Policy. The pace of play for this tournament is 4 hours 15 minutes.

Discontinuance of Play: When play is suspended because of a potentially dangerous situation, a player must discontinue play immediately. Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

- All practice areas are closed when play is suspended for a dangerous situation until the Tournament Committee has declared them open.
- A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by a police siren blast. Resumption of play will be signaled by an intermittent horn indicating it is safe to resume your position on the golf course.

Practice: Prior to and following play of a stipulated round, a player may practice only in the designated practice areas. During play of a stipulated round, a player may not practice on or near the putting green of the hole last played or roll a ball on the putting green of the hole last played.

Transportation: Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Tournament Committee. Exception: a Rules Official may provide transportation for a player who must return to the tee or to the point where the previous stroke was made and to assist a player to catch up with play as the Rules Official deems appropriate. Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification

Scorecards: Must be returned to the Scoring Room immediately upon completion of play of the final hole of the stipulated round. Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification

Close of Competition: The competition is deemed to have closed when the trophy has been officially presented to the Winner.

Standard Local Rules

1. Abnormal Course Conditions - Rule 16, Ground Under Repair includes:

- Areas defined by white lines;
- French drains filled with stones;

2. No Play Zone

- Flower beds (mandatory relief).

3. Drop Zone

- A drop zone is available as an additional relief option on the right rear of Hole 7 for players that either a) hit it long into the penalty area behind the green or b) hit it into the No Play Zone (flower bed) on the right side of the green.

4. Obstructions - Rule 16

- Roads and paths which are artificially surfaced are immovable obstructions. Fences immediately bordering a cart path (excluding fences that are Boundary Objects), and any severely worn areas touching, or in close proximity to, such roads and paths, whether or not painted with white lines, are considered to be part of the immovable obstruction.

5. Wood Chips and Mulch

- Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments.

6. Integral Parts of the Course

- Wrappings, wires, cables, and other objects when closely attached to trees are integral parts of the course.

7. Closely Mown Portion of Hole #9 Out of Bounds When Playing Hole #10

- A ball played from the 10th tee, coming to rest on the closely mown (fairway height or shorter) portion of hole #9, is deemed to be out of bounds.

8. Out of Bounds

- Out of bounds is defined by the course side edge of the paved service road, as well as the fences, stakes and white lines throughout the course.

9. Ball Played From Outside The Relief Area When Taking Back On The Line Relief

- “When taking Back-On-the-Line relief, there is no additional penalty if a player plays a ball that was dropped in the relief area required by the relevant Rule (Rule 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b or 19.3b) but came to rest outside the relief area, so long as the ball, when played, is within one club-length of where it first touched the ground when dropped.
- This exemption from penalty applies even if the ball is played from nearer the hole than the reference point (but not if played from nearer the hole than the spot of the original ball or the estimated point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area).
- This Local Rule does not change the procedure for taking Back-On-the-Line relief under a relevant Rule. This means that the reference point and relief area are not changed by this Local Rule and that Rule 14.3c(2) can be applied by a player who drops a ball in the right way and it comes to rest outside the relief area, whether this occurs on the first or second drop. Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

10. Replacement Of Broken Or Significantly Damaged Club

- “Rule 4.1b(3) is modified in this way: If a player’s club is “broken or significantly damaged” during the round by the player, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4).
- When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the broken or significantly damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1). Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

11. Limiting when stroke made from putting green must be replayed under exception 2 to rule 11.1B

- “Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b applies, except that when a ball played from the putting green accidentally hits: the player, the club used by the player to make the stroke or an animal defined as a loose impediment (that is, worms, insects and similar animals that can be removed easily) the stroke counts and the ball must be played as it lies. Local Rule D – 7 is in effect.

12. Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect. Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play:

- Ball in General Area: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:
 - On the line of play and is:
 - Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
 - Within two club-lengths of the ball
- Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

13. Restricting Use of Audio and Video Devices

- Rule 4.3a(4) is modified in this way: During a round a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device.