

## WASTE AREAS

Waste Areas are designated by dark green posts. You may ground your club in the waste (sand) areas. If your ball comes to rest in a footprint, a hole(s) as a result of animals burrowing or digging, tire tracks, or other unnatural rough areas in the waste area, you must advise your playing partners of the problem. You may pick up the ball, smooth the area and then replace your ball as closely as possible in its original spot without incurring a penalty.

NOTE: This rule applies to Waste Areas only. A ball in a bunker must be played as it lies.

## BLUE TEE PLAY

Blue Tee play is voluntary and is allowed for any TLGA member who is at least 70 years old OR has a 36.4 or higher Handicap Index from the Red Tees. The member must have completed at least one (1) year of league play from the Red Tees.

Members may move from Red Tees to Blue Tees or from Blue Tees to Red Tees on a **quarterly** basis. TLGA quarters commence on December 1, March 1, June 1 and September 1. The individual member has to initiate the process with the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

TLGA will follow USGA guidelines for multiple tee play which require the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President to make a 6 stroke adjustment to the lesser of 34 (the maximum Blue Tee handicap allowed for Tradition) OR the player's actual Blue Tee handicap.

In League sanctioned INTERCLUB events or tournaments, Blue Tee players will be required to play from the Red Tees and use their Red Tee handicap.

In League sanctioned INTRACLUB events or tournaments, Blue Tee players may play from the Blue Tees using their Blue Tee Handicaps (adjusted as necessary for multiple tee play)

## DETERMINING MOST LIKELY SCORE

For handicap purposes, a player that starts but does not complete a hole can record their most likely score for that hole. For example, a player chooses to pick up because she is out of a hole (assuming the game being played allows for this). Most likely score consists of the number of strokes already taken **plus** the number of strokes it would take the player to hole out. For TLGA, the options the player has for determining her "most likely score" for a hole are as follows.

OPTION 1. Player is *NOT ON THE GREEN*: Post your maximum.

OPTION 2. Player is *ON THE GREEN*: If within the length of a standard putter, add one (1) stroke to the number of strokes already taken. Otherwise, add two (2) strokes to the number of strokes already taken or putt out.

The most likely score should have an "X" preceding the number. For example: X-8

## LIFT, CLEAN AND PLACE

Lift, clean and place is allowed any time the course has declared that play is CART PATH ONLY.

## II. REMINDERS

### OUT OF BOUNDS / HAZARD STAKES

Out of bounds is defined by white stakes, lateral hazards by red stakes and water hazards by yellow stakes.

### CONSERVATION AREAS

Conservation Areas are designated by yellow stakes with green tops. You may not play the ball inside these hazards. A ball on the line (between the stakes) is considered in the conservation area. You may not enter the conservation areas to retrieve your ball. You may, however, use a ball retriever, golf club or your hand to retrieve your ball without entering the area.

## FREE DROPS

For Free Drops, the procedure is to drop one (1) club length from the nearest point of relief no closer to the hole. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green. A free drop is allowed from such things as:

1. Cart paths, sprinkler systems, stakes, buildings, machinery, benches, casual water.
2. All maintained flowerbeds and staked seedlings.
3. The grassy area surrounding the drain in the waste area on the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole.
4. The rope fence in the conservation area on the 9<sup>th</sup> hole if: your ball is NOT in the conservation area and the fence interferes with your intended swing.

## EMBEDDED BALLS

A ball embedded in its own pitch mark (other than in the rough, a sand bunker or a waste area) may be lifted, cleaned and dropped without penalty as near as possible to its original position but not nearer the hole. You must advise your playing partners of this lift.

## PLAYING EQUIPMENT

You are allowed to carry only 14 clubs in your bag.

## MULCHED AREAS

You **are not** allowed relief from any mulch-covered area. However, at those times when the course is in the midst of spreading new mulch, there may be "mounds of mulch" on the course which are considered "ground under repair" and from which you can take relief without penalty. Before taking relief, please advise your playing partners of the situation. Drop one club length from the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole.

**WEEKLY PLAY SIGN UP**

All members (Active and Associate) must sign themselves up for weekly play each week. You may not have another member sign you up unless you are out of town. The sign up sheet is posted in the members' room from the current Thursday league day until noon on the following Monday.

Associate members must sign up in the far right corner of the sign up sheet and may play only if space available. Associates will play in order of sign-up. Associates who sign up in the wrong column will move to the bottom of the Associate list. As of noon on Monday, any unused tee times will be returned to the golf club. Active and Associate members who call after noon on Monday may play only if space is available or if there is a cancellation.

**IF YOU SIGN UP TO PLAY , MAKE SURE YOU SHOW UP TO PLAY**

**EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL**

COURSE HANDICAP	HOLE MAXIMUM
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

**AVERAGING YOUR SCORE FOR POSTING**

You may average your score for posting if you have completed 13 **consecutive** holes or more. To average your score you take the par score for the hole and add the strokes you are allowed to get on that hole. Do this for each hole you did not complete.

For example: You have three holes to play and they are a par 4, a par 5, and a par 4. If you receive 2 strokes for the first par 4 you would record a 6 for that hole. If you receive 1 stroke for

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the par 5 you would record a 6 for that hole. If you do not receive any strokes on the last par 4 you would record a 4 for that hole. You may then add your score and post it. The posted score should have an "X" preceding the number. Example: X-6. Reasons for not completing a round could be: rainstorm, darkness, sickness, and hurricanes. **REMEMBER:** this rule does not apply if you have not completed 13 **consecutive** holes.

**III. ETIQUETTE TIPS**

**BE ON TIME - PLAY READY GOLF**

On the putting green:

1. Do not stand or walk behind a player as that player is putting.
2. Never put the flagstick or your clubs directly behind the hole or behind the player who is putting.
3. Be aware of each player's putting line and try not to step on that line.
4. Do not step too close to the hole when retrieving your ball from the hole.
5. Remain on or close to putting green until all players in your group have holed out
6. **FIX BALL MARKS**

**IV. PLAYER NOTES:**

**TRADITION LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION**

Each player should familiarize herself with the USGA Rules of Golf. USGA rules apply except where Local Rules are in effect or take precedence.

**RULINGS:**

All questions concerning rules will be decided by the Club Pro whose decision is final. If there are questions as to a rule's interpretation, play two (2) balls and ask for a ruling following play. You must announce your intention to play two balls to your playing partners.

**I. LOCAL RULES**

**USE OF DROP AREAS:**

There are four (4) holes (holes #7, # 9, #14 and #15) where the Tradition Golf Club committee has designated Drop Areas.

OPTION 1. If a ball goes into the water/hazard on any of these holes, a player has the option of proceeding directly to the designated drop area incurring **only a one (1) stroke penalty**

OPTION 2. You can, of course, follow USGA rules and hit the ball until it clears the water/hazard.

If you choose OPTION 1, you must **drop** the ball in the designated drop area. If you choose OPTION 2, you may advance the ball in the line of flight. **The ball must be dropped, not placed.**

**ROLLING THE BALL**

The ball may be rolled up to six (6) inches (no closer to the hole) in your own fairway.