

# National Tour Challenge – Local Rules

The following local rules are in place for the tournament:

• ***Lift, Clean, & Place is in effect in all closely mown areas***

• ***ChampionsGate Country Club rules –***

- 1) All watershed bunker areas are hazards and not to be entered. Play as lateral hazard.
- 2) All tall grass areas can be played as lateral hazard if your ball is lost and not found in them
- 3) Use best guess for line of water/lateral hazards

• ***Disney rule*** – Unmarked or unlined areas can be played as optional hazard if desired. This applies to water hazards or heavily treed areas on the sides of the holes. Play course as marked as some areas are OB and thus this would not apply in those cases.

• ***Covid Bunker Rule*** – If ball is in an unmanicured or unmaintained position like footprint or divot, etc, you can lift smooth and place your ball in the bunker. Not if your ball is plugged, etc.

• ***Lost or Out of Bounds Ball:*** The 2021 revised option for a ball lost or out of bounds when a provisional ball is not hit is in effect.

This option allows the player to drop in a large area between the point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone out of bounds and two club lengths from the edge of the fairway of the hole being played that is not nearer the hole. The player is assessed two penalty strokes when using this relief option.

This means that the relief is comparable to what could have been achieved if the player had taken stroke-and-distance relief.

This Local Rule ***cannot*** be used for an unplayable ball, or for a ball that is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area.

If a provisional ball is played and neither the original ball nor the provisional ball can be found, then the Local Rule may be applied ***for the provisional ball that cannot be found.***

• ***Embedded Ball Rule:*** There are no changes to the embedded ball rule as currently in place under USGA Rules. This allows for lift clean and drop (***not place***) no nearer the hole. In determining whether a ball is plugged in a bunker or in the lip of a bunker, the majority of the foursome needs to agree on this matter.

• ***Relief from Abnormal Ground Conditions:*** The USGA has provided a long list of examples of abnormal ground conditions.

This Rule covers free relief that is allowed from interference by:

- Animal Holes, Ground Under Repair, Immovable Obstructions, Temporary Water

Because we are playing the tournament on courses that may not have all abnormal conditions clearly marked, the Committee has determined the following:

***If a majority of the foursome agrees that a participant's ball is in an area that should reasonably have been marked as an abnormal ground condition, the participant would be entitled to relief from the condition within one club length no closer to the hole.***

• ***Distance Measuring Devices:*** Distance measuring devices (as defined in Decision 14-3/0.5) are allowed. Such devices may only measure distance (not slope, wind, etc.).