



ESPLANADE LOCAL RULES

USGA RULES WILL GOVERN ALL PLAY EXCEPT WHERE MODIFIED BY LOCAL RULES

- OUT OF BOUNDS:** OUT OF BOUNDS IS DEFINED BY WHITE STAKES, WHITE DOTS, THE INSIDE EDGE OF ALL PAVED ROADWAYS AND CURBS. PLAYER(S) ARE PERMITTED THE OPTION OF DROPPING IN THE FAIRWAY ADJACENT TO THE OUT OF BOUNDS, UNDER A TWO STROKE PENALTY. PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL AND DO NOT ENTER A HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY FOR ANY REASON.
- PENALTY AREAS:** PENALTY AREAS ARE DEFINED BY RED STAKES AND/OR RED LINES AND INCLUDES ANY BODY OF WATER ON THE COURSE. IF A BALL IS FOUND, KNOWN, OR VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT IT ENTERED THE PENALTY AREAS ON HOLE #4/#14/#18, THE PLAYER MAY: (I) PROCEED UNDER RULE 17.1; OR (II) AS AN ADDITIONAL OPTION, DROP A BALL, UNDER PENALTY OF ONE STROKE IN THE DROPPING ZONE.
- IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS & GREENSIDE SPRINKLERS:** RELIEF FROM INTERFERENCE BY AN IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION MAY BE TAKEN UNDER RULE 16.1. IN ADDITION, IF A BALL LIES THROUGH THE GREEN AND AN IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION ON OR WITHIN TWO CLUB-LENGTHS OF THE PUTTING GREEN AND WITHIN TWO CLUB-LENGTHS OF THE BALL INTERVENES ON THE LINE OF PLAY BETWEEN THE BALL AND THE HOLE, THE PLAYER MAY TAKE RELIEF AS FOLLOWS: THE BALL MUST BE LIFTED AND DROPPED AT THE NEAREST POINT TO WHERE THE BALL LAY THAT (A) IS NOT NEARER THE HOLE, (B) AVOIDS INTERVENTION AND (C) IS NOT IN A PENALTY AREA OR ON A PUTTING GREEN. THE BALL MAY BE CLEANED WHEN LIFTED.
- DENSE VEGETATION WITHIN THE COURSE:** AREAS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE GOLF COURSE THAT ARE DENSE WITH VEGETATION ARE PLAYED AS A PENALTY AREA, REGARDLESS OF THE BALL BEING FOUND IN THAT AREA OR NOT. THE AREA IS DEFINED BY THE OUTER EDGE OF THE VEGETATION BED.
- TIEBREAKING:** TIES WILL BE BROKEN AND A WINNER WILL BE DETERMINED ON THE BASIS OF THE BEST SCORE FOR THE LAST NINE HOLES PLAYED, LAST SIX HOLES PLAYED, LAST THREE HOLES PLAYED, AND FINALLY THE 18TH HOLE PLAYED OF THE COMPETITION COURSE (IN COMPETITIONS WITH A MULTIPLE TEE START, THE LAST NINE HOLES, LAST SIX HOLES, ETC. IS CONSIDERED TO BE HOLES #10-18, 13-18, ETC.). IF A TIE STILL EXISTS, A WINNER WILL BE DETERMINED WITH THE SAME FORMAT ON THE FRONT NINE OF THE COMPETITION COURSE. IF A TIE STILL EXISTS, A WINNER WILL BE DETERMINED ON THE BASIS OF THE BEST SCORE MADE BEGINNING ON THE LOWEST HANDICAP ALLOCATION HOLE THROUGH THE HIGHEST ALLOCATION HANDICAP HOLE. IF THESE TIE-BREAKING METHODS DO NOT PRODUCE A WINNER, A COIN TOSS WILL BREAK THE TIE.
- INCLEMENT WEATHER:** THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SHORTEN THE EVENT IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER. EVACUATION OF THE GOLF COURSE IS MANDATORY IN THE EVENT OF LIGHTNING.
- LIVE SCORING:** ALL TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER THEIR HOLE-BY-HOLE GROSS SCORES INTO THE GOLF GENIUS PHONE APP DURING PLAY. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A 2-STROKE PENALTY.