



CAYMAN ISLANDS GOLF ASSOCIATION

22nd CIGA PAIRS TOURNAMENT 2021

Conditions of Competition

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by R & A Rules Ltd. and supporting Decisions, and, where applicable, by the following Local Rules. These supersede any other local rules which have no application.

Format

The tournament is conducted by four ball stroke play over 18 holes at the North Sound Golf Club on Saturday 27th November, 2021, competed for by teams of two amateur golfers, Men, Women or mixed. The winner will be the team with the lowest better ball handicap score over 18 holes. There will also be additional prizes for the winners and prizes for the runners-up and others.

Tees

Men will play from the Blue Tees, and Women from the Red Tees.

Handicaps

In accordance with USGA recommendations for Four Ball Stroke Play competition involving mixed teams:

- (a) Because of the difference in course ratings, the course handicap for the players on the higher rated course will be adjusted upwards by the appropriate amount;
- (b) Where the difference in course handicap between the two team members is 8 or less, Men will be allowed 90% of course handicap and Women 95% of adjusted course handicap;
- (c) Where the difference in course handicap between the two team members is more than 8, Men will be allowed 80% of course handicap and Women 85% of adjusted course handicap.

Strokes will be taken based upon the respective stroke allocation of the team members in the order assigned on the scorecard.

Ties

Ties will be broken by matching cards to determine the winner on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes. If that fails to break the tie, the winner will be determined on the basis of the best score for the last six holes, last three holes and finally the last hole. If that still fails to break the tie, the winner will be determined by lot.

Close of Competition

The competition will be deemed to have closed when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

Local Rules

Out of Bounds

Defined by inside points at ground level of white stakes. A ball which crosses the beginning of a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road or on the road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

Penalty Areas

Penalty Areas are defined by Yellow or Red Stakes or Yellow or Red Lines. When both stakes and lines are used to define water and lateral penalty area margins, stakes identify hazards and lines define margins.

In the play of the 5th, 9th, 11th and 13th holes, as an additional option under Rule 17-1, if a ball is in the penalty area in front of the green, the player may drop a ball under penalty of one stroke in the drop area on the cut area of the Red Teeing Ground.

Ground under Repair

Ground under Repair has been marked by enclosed white lines. The white lines are part of the Ground under Repair.

Areas of Ground under Repair even if not so marked include

- (a) French drains (trenches filled with stone or the like);
- (b) Fire Ant beds or mounds; and
- (c) Bare areas in the fairway are deemed to be Ground Under Repair, even if not so marked.

If a ball lies on or touches a sod seam, it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped as nearly as possible to the spot to where it originally lay which is (1) is not nearer the hole, (2) avoids such interference and (3) is not in a penalty area or on a putting green.

Integral Parts of the Course

Cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees, liners in bunkers and artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards are integral parts of the course.

Obstructions

- (a) Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions;
- (b) Local Rule for immovable obstructions close to putting green is in effect – Rule 16-1.
- (c) Artificially surfaced roads and paths (which include those surfaced with crushed rock, brick, gravel or asphalt) are immovable obstructions. Sections of cart paths which are not artificially surfaced are not obstructions but an integral part of the course.
- (d) Wooden pegs, ropes and their supporting stakes adjacent to cart paths or placed within the course for the purpose of directing cart traffic are movable obstructions.
- (e) If a ball strikes any elevated power line, the player must disregard that stroke, abandon the ball and, in accordance with Rule 14-6, play another ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played.
- (f) Flower and shrub beds encircled by paved cart paths are deemed to be part of the obstruction.
- (g) White lined areas tying into artificially surfaced roads or paths are declared to have the same status as the roads or paths, i.e. they are obstructions, not ground under repair.

Embedded Ball

Relief is allowed for an embedded ball in the General Area – Rule 16.3.

Hole #17

The area on Hole 17 to the left of the green and cart path has been called by the North Sound Golf Club a “Sod Farm”. As such at their request no play will occur from this area and if your ball comes to rest in this area you shall proceed to the nearest point of relief.

Distance Measuring Devices

In this competition, a player may use equipment to obtain distance and directional information only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses equipment to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4-3, for which the penalty is disqualification.

Abnormal Course Conditions

Relief is allowed for a ball in abnormal course conditions including temporary casual water only if the ball can be identified or it is known or virtually certain that the ball is in the area of abnormal course conditions – Rule 16.1.

Relief from Tree Roots

If a player’s ball is in the general area and there is interference from exposed tree roots that are in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less or in the first cut of the rough, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

But interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player’s stance, relief is limited to interference with the lie of the ball and the area of intended swing.

Relief from Fallen Trees

If a player's ball comes to rest under a fallen tree, the fallen tree is to be deemed abnormal course conditions and as such the player may take relief by dropping a ball in a relief area based on the nearest point of complete relief under Rule 16.1

Relief from Staked Trees

The trees identified by stakes are no play zones. If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f. If the ball lies in a penalty area and interference to the player's stance or area of intended swing exists from such a tree, the player must take relief either with penalty under Rule 17.1e or with free relief under Rule 17.1e(2).

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE RULES OF GOLF, PENALTY FOR BREACH OF ANY LOCAL RULE - TWO STROKES. MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR PERSISTENT BREACH - FOUR STROKES.

THE DECISION OF THE RULES COMMITTEE ON ANY QUESTION IS FINAL.