

TOFS Rules 2020-2021 Season

1. USGA stroke or Match play rules will be used except as amended by local / league rules. All putts must be holed out. Unless your score on that hole does not affect the game of the day or added event competition. Mark as max equitable score on card. Please use common sense when it comes to picking up your ball. Other leagues have experienced golfers not willing to play by the basic rules. As TOFS members we are proud to have fair play in all events.

2. USGA / Local / League rules

- a. Free drop from flower beds, river rock, or decorative stone areas, staked trees and power poles.
Full Relief-no penalty
Determine the nearest point of relief then up to 1 club Length any direction no nearer the hole. You must take complete relief. Desert area east of #3 fairway and north of #4 cart path is a free drop, no closer to hole.
- b. Stones and other debris in bunkers may treated as moveable obstructions. Drop area for ball hit in the water on #9 is the red tee box.
- d. Free drop from drain trenches through the green. Ball or stance relief. (Trenches are considered artificial immovable obstructions). Drop ball up to one club length from the nearest point of relief. You must take complete relief. Trenches are not marked. They are dish shaped areas about 18 inches to 2 feet wide and several yards long.
- e. Play ready golf at all times, all rounds must be completed in 4 hours, 15 mins or less, slow play will not be tolerated, **new penalties** may be applied for abnormally slow play.
- f. Line of sight relief from obstructions is not a free drop.
- g. Ball striking power line **must be** replayed-no penalty
- h. Hazard left of #17. The lateral hazard is the cement ditch (not marked red) ball touching cement is in the hazard. Rule 26-1a or 26-1c applies. Generally, rule 26-1c is used. Under penalty of one stroke, drop a ball within two club lengths of and not nearer the hole (i) the point the original ball crossed the margin of the water hazard or (ii) a point on the opposite margin of the water hazard equidistant from the hole.
- i. Decorative rock / landscape area: Any ball in the decorative rock area or in the bushes within this area is a free drop using one of the two following options:
opt1. Proceed to the nearest point of relief from where the ball lies and drop within on club length no nearer to the hole.
opt2. Hit the ball from the designated drop area east of the water on # 9.
- j. Practice on the course is not permitted before any league play, includes chipping or putting on any green other than practice green. Short chips or putts on or around any tee box are permitted.

NOTE:

Any ball in a bush within the decorative rock is a free drop even if the ball is not touching the rocks. The entire area is considered an abnormal ground condition, **ball must be found** for free drop to apply.

3. Special Rules for added events

- a. You must have an established viewpoint handicap
- b. You must be a viewpoint TOFS league member.
- c. The alternate shot in the Ryder cup event will be handicapped. The team with the highest Total handicap will receive half the difference of the team handicaps. E.g. Team A has a total handicap of 30 and team B has a total handicap of 20; team A will have a team Handicap of 5.
- d. You must be a TOFS member and play in the TOFS league Atleast Two times during the 2020-2021 season to be eligible to play in League Championship or the Ryder Cup Events**

Note: You can play an alternate ball if unclear about a rule. A ruling will be made after play is completed, See Randy (4631) or the proshop for decision.