

LOCAL RULES & TERMS OF COMPETITION

(TLQMC “Hard Card”)

2019/20 Trilogy at La Quinta Men’s Club (TLQMC)



The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association (USGA) and the R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all TLQMC Monday Competitions, TLQMC Tournaments, and TLQMC Championships. Complete text of the Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019 (as modified).

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty (2 strokes).

LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS — Defined as (1) residential property lines & residential surface roads/sidewalk on any hole or (2) golf course property walls to the left side of holes #4, 8, 9, 10 and #15 and any ball in the driving range to the left side of hole #1.

PENALTY AREAS — The Golf Course at La Quinta has two types of penalty areas – (1) “Standard Penalty Areas” and (2) “Perimeter Penalty Areas”. These are discussed separately.

STANDARD PENALTY AREAS – (Solid Red Stakes)– All standard penalty areas on The Golf Course at La Quinta are “red” penalty areas. These areas include all water penalty areas and all acacia plants and shrubs not located in a “Perimeter Penalty Area”.

PERIMETER PENALTY AREAS/NO PLAY ZONES (Red Stakes with Black Tops) – Are defined and discussed on the reverse side of these Local Rules & Terms of Competition.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR (GUR) – French drains are GUR

WOOD CHIPS & MULCH (CLIPPINGS) – Are loose impediments.

AERATION HOLES ☒ – In the General Area, the player is allowed free relief, within one club length, no nearer the hole.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS – Include walls, sprinkler boxes, and fences when located in penalty areas and bunkers (no relief is given).

GREENSIDE SPRINKLER HEADS —Line of play relief is granted to any player if their ball is within 2 club lengths of any sprinkler head that is also within 2 club lengths of the green surface. The line of play relief is granted even if the player’s swing or stance are not impacted by the sprinkler head.

REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN CLUB – A broken club may be replaced during the round as long as it was broken during the normal course of play and not as a result of anger.

PRACTICE – Rule 5.2 is **NOT** modified. For stroke play, a player may practice on the course between rounds or after stroke play is completed for the day. For match play, a player may practice at any time

TERMS OF COMPETITION

TEAM COMPETITIONS – When engaged in team competitions, all team scores that count must be holed out (no “gimme’s”).

PACE OF PLAY – All participants are responsible for pace of play. If a group is more than one hole behind the group in front of them, the TLQMC Tournament Director may assess the general penalty (2 strokes) to all members of the group.

CODE OF CONDUCT – By submitting an entry or participating in any TLQMC administered competition, the player understands that their participation is at the sole discretion of the TLQMC Tournament Chairman (TC) and Executive Committee (EC). A player may be removed from any competition at the discretion of the TLQMC TC or EC for violation of this Code of Conduct.

Incidents of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the TLQMC or the “Spirit of the Game” are grounds for such removal and suspension from future TLQMC-administered competitions. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Willful damage of the golf course or golf course property
- Repetitive or dangerous club throwing or club tossing
- Repetitive offensive or unbecoming language
- Unwarranted public criticism of the golf course
- * Verbal abuse of staff, TLQMC officials, other TLQMC members
- Potential endangerment of others
- Any conduct deemed unbecoming by the TLQMC TC or EC
- Willful violations of the Rules of Golf
- Failure to post scores for handicapping purposes
- Manipulation of scores posted for handicapping purposes

PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT WITHIN ROUND:

First Offense – Warning and General Penalty (2 strokes)

Second Offense – Immediate Disqualification

The TLQMC TC or EC reserve the right to disqualify any player at any time for serious violations of the Code of Conduct.

PERIMETER PENALTY AREAS/NO PLAY ZONES (RED STAKES WITH BLACK TOPS)

“Perimeter Penalty Areas/No Play Zones” are defined as those areas that are within the General Area but contain Decomposed Granite (DG) or other landscaped materials by the TLQ HOA. Normal dirt areas on the golf course, without DG, are not “Perimeter Penalty Areas/No Play Zones” and can be played as “General Areas”.

The Player **MAY NOT**, under any circumstances, play a ball from the “Perimeter Penalty Area/No Play Zone” (even if the ball has been found and identified).

A player is granted “free relief” if their ball lies within the “normal contours of the grass fairway or rough” but their stance is in the “Perimeter Penalty Area/No Play Zone”. A ball is considered “in the DG” if any part of the ball is touching the DG. Any ball “in the DG” that is beyond the green is considered to be in the “Perimeter Penalty Area/No Play Zone”.

The **ONLY** Player options for balls in the “Perimeter Penalty Areas/No Play Zones” are:

- Player, for a penalty of 1 shot, may play a ball two club lengths from the spot where the ball last crossed the line defining the Perimeter Penalty Area/No Play Zone.
- Player, for a penalty of 1 shot, may play a ball within two clubs on a direct line from where the ball last crossed the line defining the Perimeter Penalty Area/No Play Zone to the flagstick - no closer to the hole.
- Player, for a penalty of 1 shot, may play a ball from the previous spot (stroke and distance relief)

In order to take Perimeter Penalty Area relief (for one stroke), Player must be virtually certain the ball is not out of bounds.

Golf course markings, to the extent present, supersede these general guidelines. If there are no markings, the Player may use these guidelines to determine if their ball is in a “Perimeter Penalty Area/No Play Zone”:

Hole #1 – Any ball in the DG to the right of the cart path. A ball in the acacia to the left of the #1 fairway (but not on the driving range) is in a “Standard Penalty Area” but not a “Perimeter Penalty Area”

Hole #2 – Any ball in the DG to the right or left of the corresponding right or left grass rough.

Hole #3 – Any ball in the DG to the right or left of the corresponding grass rough.

Hole #4 – Any ball in the DG to the right of the right side rough. Ball in the acacia left of the cart path is in a “Penalty Area”.

Hole #5 – Any ball in the DG to the right or left of the corresponding grass rough.

Hole #6 – Any ball in the DG to the left of the cart path.

Hole #7 – Any ball in the DG to the left or right of the corresponding grass rough.

Hole #8 – Any ball in the DG to the left or right of the corresponding rough

Hole #9 – Any ball in the DG to the right of the cart path. Balls in the acacia to the left of the rough are in a “Standard Penalty Area”.

Hole #10 – Any ball in the DG to the right of the right rough. Balls left of the cart path are in a “Standard Penalty Area”.

Hole #11 – Any ball in the DG to the right or left of the corresponding grass rough.

Hole #12 – Any ball in the DG to the right of the cart path or left of the left rough.

Hole #13 – Any ball in the DG to the left of the cart path. Balls in the acacia to the right of the green or fairway are in a “Standard Penalty Area”.

Hole #14 – Any ball in the DG to the right or left of the corresponding grass rough

Hole #15 – Any ball in the DG to the right of the right side grass rough. Balls in the acacia left of the cart path are in a “Standard Penalty Area”.

Hole #16 – Any ball in the DG to the left of the cart path. Balls in the acacia right of the right rough are in a “Standard Penalty Area”.

Hole #17 – Any ball in the DG to the right of the cart path. Player is required to take relief in the drop zone for a one stroke penalty.

Hole #18 – Any ball in the DG to the right or left of the corresponding grass rough.