



## **OTTAWA VALLEY GOLF ASSOCIATION**

### **Rules for Adult Intersectionals (revised March 1, 2023)**

To continue to make OVGA tournaments an enjoyable experience for everyone, the OVGA requires that all the participants in its tournaments adhere to certain standards. Please reference the OVGA "Player Code of Conduct" for additional information.

Delay of Game by a player or his/her caddy is not permitted.

Any disputes regarding the draw or the eligibility of players must be submitted via email to the Director of Intersectionals ([intersectionals@ovga.org](mailto:intersectionals@ovga.org)) for review. Requests for review must identify the player(s) in question and should be received within seven (7) days of the completion of the competition.

### **Specific Rules for Competition**

1. Play is Match Play format. Rules of Golf for Match Play apply. Local Rules may supersede if stated.
2. Each of four players plays an individual match against the other three players at the same time and each player plays one ball that is used in all their matches. Exception:

If a player plays out of turn in any match, the opponent who should have played first may cancel the stroke. If the player played out of turn in more than one match, each opponent may choose whether to cancel the stroke in their match with the player.

If a player plays the first shot of a hole from outside the teeing area, one or more of the opponents may cancel the stroke.

If a player's stroke is cancelled in one or two matches the player must play a separate ball in those matches and continue to play with the original ball in the remaining match(es).

If an opponent gets one penalty stroke for lifting a player's ball or ball-marker or causing a ball or ball-marker to move under Rule 9.5b or 9.7b, that penalty applies only in the match with that player. The opponent gets no penalty in their matches with the other players.

3. Normally, a player's ball at rest on the course must be played as it lies (Rule 9.1).

However, if adverse conditions such as heavy winds, prolonged rain or extreme heat have caused widespread damage to the course, the Committee may adopt Model Local Rule E-3 for “preferred lies” as follows:

When any player’s ball touches part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from the following relief area:

- Reference point: Spot of the original ball.
  - Size of the relief area measured from the reference point: one club-length from the reference point but with these limits:
  - Limits on location of the area:
    - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
    - Must be in the general area.
4. When conditions such as wet ground throughout parts of the course may cause mud to stick to the ball, rather than using the “preferred lies” Local Rule in 3 above, the Committee may allow the player to mark, lift, clean and replace the ball in the general area by adopting Model Local Rule E-2 as follows:

When the player’s ball lies in the general area cut to fairway height or less, the ball may be lifted, cleaned and replaced without penalty. The player must mark the spot of the ball before lifting it (see Rule 14.1) and the ball must be replaced on its original spot (see Rule 14.2).

5. When a Rule of Golf issue arises, the player whose ball is involved must decide what to do and play on. Playing a second ball is not permitted in Match Play (except as outlined in 2 above). In all other cases, the penalty for playing a second ball is the General Penalty (Loss of Hole). The opponents who disagree with the player’s decision may notify the player that they will request a ruling.

There will not be a Rules Official IMMEDIATELY available. Any ruling request, if it is to be considered by the Committee, MUST be made by the opponent to the player whose ball is involved before either player plays from the next teeing ground or in the case of the final hole, before the result of the match has been made final. Upon completion of the match, all ruling requests MUST be made to the Committee who will contact the Rules Committee for a Decision.

6. No practice on the competition course on day of the competition before the round.

Model Local Rule I1.1 is invoked as follows.

Rule 5.2a is modified in this way:

On the day of the competition a player must not practice on the competition course before the round.

If a player makes a stroke in breach of this Local Rule, they get the general penalty (Loss of Hole) applied to their first hole. If they make an additional stroke in breach of this Local Rule, they are disqualified.

7. Caddies may advise their own player ONLY. A player shall not ask for advice from or give advice to anyone else in the competition. (Rule 10.2a). If a caddie's action breaches a Rule or would breach a Rule if the action was taken by the player, the player gets the penalty under that Rule. (Rule 10.3c)
8. Team captains may not give advice to any of their team's players. Team Captains may share information only. No other advice givers are permitted in this competition. (Rule 24.4a)