

**2009 TOUR DE LAS AMERICAS**  
**TOURNAMENT RULES CARD**

In the event of a dispute arising as to the meaning of any Rule of Golf, TLA Conditions of Competition or Local Rules, the Rule shall be interpreted according to the English Edition of the Rules of Golf and TLA Conditions of Competition and Local Rules Card.

**The following listed Conditions of Competition and Local Rules apply to all TLA events. For the full text of the Conditions and Local Rules, please refer to the current edition of the Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited at the pages indicated.**

**SECTION A – CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**

**1. List of Conforming Driver Heads**

Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by R&A Rules Limited.

**Penalty for Breach of Condition – Disqualification**

**2. Specification of the ball (Note to Rule 5-1)**

- a. List of conforming Golf Balls – Page 142
- b. **One Ball Condition** – Page 142 - 143 (**Exception:** This condition does not apply to Professional or Amateur players in any pre-tournament Pro-Am or Approved One-Day Event or Amateurs partnering professional players in a Major Pro-Am tournament.)

**3. Time of Starting (Note to Rule 6-3a) – Pages 143**

**4. Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7) – Page 144**

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and in the case of second or subsequent groups, out of position. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play approach shot (including Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt,' or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or 'second or third to play shot', he is deemed to have had a 'bad time'.

The time allowed will be determined by the Tournament Director and will be published on the official notice board. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front. A player whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.

**Penalty for Breach of Condition:**

One bad time - Verbal warning from Official  
Two bad times - One stroke penalty and US\$200 fine  
Three bad times - Two stroke penalty and US\$300 fine  
Four bad times - Disqualification and US\$500 fine

**Notes:**

- 1) Players will **NOT** be advised that they are being timed.
- 2) Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Official that it is the Player's turn to play.
- 3) In addition, please note TLA's general regulations in Members handbook.
- 4) In exceptional circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

**5. Suspension of Play due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b) – Pages 144-145**

**6. Practice Between Holes Prohibited (Note 2 to Rule 7) – Page 145** (This condition does not apply to pre-tournament Pro-Ams or Match-play tournaments). NB: This prohibition includes rolling a ball on the putting green of the hole last played.

**7. Transportation – Page 146 (Exception:** When permitted to ride by The Rules Committee)

**8. Anti-Doping.**

Players are required to comply with and be bound by the TLA's Anti-Doping Policy (the Anti-Doping Policy). Players should be aware that, under the Anti-Doping Policy, if a player is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, he may face disqualification both from the tournament at which he was tested (or otherwise committed the violation) and from any subsequent tournament in which he participated until provisionally suspended or rendered ineligible under the Policy. Disqualification in such cases includes the loss of all results, points and prize money.

**9. How to decide Ties**

In the event of a tie for first place, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off to determine the winner.

**10. Results of the Competition – Competition Closed**

When the final results sheet is placed on the official notice board, the results of the Competition shall be deemed to have been officially announced

**SECTION B - LOCAL RULES**

The following Local Rules, together with any additions or amendments as published by the TLA at each golf course, will apply until further notice to all tournaments under the auspices of the TLA:

**1.- Out of Bounds (Rule 27)**

Beyond any wall, fence or white stakes defining the boundary of the course.

**Note:**

A. Where out of bounds is defined by white stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports) the line joining the nearest inside points at ground level of such stakes or posts defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies over such line.

B. Where any continuing or adjoining white line is in existence it defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such line.

**2.- Water Hazards (Including Lateral Water Hazards) (Rule 26)**

Water Hazards are defined by yellow markers. Where yellow lines are in existence they define the margin.

Lateral Water Hazards are defined by red markers. Where red lines are in existence they define the margin.

**Note: Dropping Zones for Water Hazards**

Where there are dropping zones for water hazards, a ball may be played under Rule 26, or a ball may be dropped in the dropping zone nearest to where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard under penalty of one stroke. When dropping a ball in a dropping zone, the dropped ball must not be re-dropped if it comes to rest within two club-lengths of the spot where it first struck a part of the course even though it may finish outside the boundaries of the dropping zone or nearer the hole.

**3.- Abnormal Ground Condition (Rule 25)**

**Ground Under Repair (Rule 25 -1)**

- All areas bounded by white lines including spectator crossing points where bounded by white lines.
- Grass covered cable trenches.
- Seams of Cut Turf – page 134.
- French Drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).

**Hole Made By Burrowing Animal, Reptile or Bird (Rule 25-1 Note)**

Relief will be denied for interference to stance from a hole, cast or runway made by a burrowing animal, reptile or bird.

**Painted Yardage Markers**

Relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing from any painted yardage spot situated in any closely mown area through the green. *Note:* This does not include painted distances on long driving holes.

**4. Embedded Ball (Rule 25 - 2)– Relief extended to “through the green” –Pages 131-132.**

**5.- Stones in Bunkers – Page 134**

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.

**6.- Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2)**

- White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as Immovable Obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not GUR.
- Landscaped garden areas surrounded by an obstruction are part of that obstruction.
- Secured mats and plastic cables ramps covering cables are immovable obstructions.

**7.- Turf Plugs on Putting Green.**

On any putting green, turf plugs of any size have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired under Rule 16-1c.

**8.- Integral Parts of the Course**

- Wires, cables, wrapping or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- Retaining artificial walls and pilings when located within water hazards.

**9.- Permanent Elevated Cables**

If a ball strikes an elevated power line, telephone line or cable, the stroke **must** be cancelled and replayed without penalty (see Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.  
**Exception:** Ball striking elevated junction section of cable rising from the ground is not replayed.

**10.- Temporary Immovable Obstructions – Pages 135 -140**

Examples include, but are not limited to, advertising boards and hole number distance indicators situated around teeing grounds, advertising boards fixed to other temporary immovable obstructions and clocks.

*Note:* Through the Green, when a player's ball lies in, on or under a temporary immovable obstruction or so close to that obstruction that it interferes with his stance or area of intended swing and relief is required, he may proceed under any of the options available under the Rule, or if dropping zones have been marked, as an additional option, he may drop the ball, without penalty, in the nearest dropping zone.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE**

Match Play – Loss of Hole

Stroke Play – Two Strokes