



Thanksgiving Challenge on the Hill

2021

Terms of Competition & Local Rules



The Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, and the USGA Rules of Golf and its Interpretations.

TERMS OF COMPETITION

Format: The Thanksgiving Challenge on the Hill is a 36-hole individual stroke play tournament at Turtle Hill Golf Course played on the same day (Saturday, 27th November, 2021).

Eligibility: Entries are open to all members in good standing of the Bermuda Golf Association and any overseas visitor to Bermuda with an up-to-date handicap index. All entrants must conform to the R&A and USGA Rules of Amateur Status

Tees: Men – Blue tees; Ladies – Pink tees

Handicap: 100% (Note: Handicap indexes will be based on the Friday, 26th November revision update).

Starting Times: Round 1 – Tee times starting at 7.30am; Round 2 – 11.00am (approx. subject to adjustment based on completion of Round 1). Note: A light lunch will be provided between rounds

Winner: The winner will be the player with the lowest cumulative score from the two rounds. Gross and Net prizes will be awarded

Tie Break: In the event of a tie for 1st place, a sudden death play-off will be contested on Hole # 9 until a winner is determined. All other ties will be decided by using the USGA countback system, i.e. last 9, 6, 3, & 1.

Rules of Golf / Tournament Closing: Play will be governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and USGA, and such Local Rules, Terms of Competition, and Regulations as specified by the Championship Committee. Questions will be settled by the on-site Rules Committee, whose decision shall be final. The competition is deemed to be closed when the Championship trophies have been presented.

GENERAL RULES

Please disregard any Local Rules found on the Turtle Hill scorecard or posted in the clubhouse.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES – A player may obtain distance information only by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a(1).

STONES IN BUNKERS – Stones in bunkers are now considered loose impediments and may be removed in a bunker without penalty (Rule 15.1 applies).

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (includes Immovable Obstructions) – All artificial paths and roadways, promotional signs, rain shelters, water stands, birdhouses, drain covers, utility boxes, pump houses, and fixed sprinkler heads are deemed immovable obstructions. Players are permitted to lift the ball and drop it, without

penalty, within a one club length relief area, the reference point being the nearest point of complete relief not nearer the hole (Rule 16.1 applies).

OUT OF BOUNDS – Defined by white lines and/or the inside points at ground level of white stakes. A ball coming to rest on or over any public roadway on the perimeter of the course is out of bounds (Rule 18.2 applies).

PENALTY AREAS – Defined by yellow or red stakes and/or lines. If it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in a penalty area, the player may under penalty of one stroke:

- a) play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played under stroke & distance (19.2a);
- b) take back-on-the-line relief (19.2b); or
- c) **Red Penalty Area ONLY** - drop a ball within two club-lengths of and not nearer the hole than point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the red penalty area (19.2c).

DROP AREA – Hole #3 - The drop area for men playing the blue tees is defined as the ladies teeing area on hole #3. This is a two-club length rectangular box measured from the front of the pink tee markers. The drop area is not marked.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by white lines. Any felled trees and/or debris that has been piled for removal shall be deemed Ground under repair (Rule 16.1 applies).

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE – If a player is doubtful as to the correct procedure during the play of a hole, they may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. The player must announce which ball they intend to score with if the Rules permit. Additionally, the player must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning their score card. If they fail to do so, the player is disqualified (Rule 20.1c(3) applies).

LOCAL RULES

FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS

If such an obstruction is within two club-lengths of the putting green and interferes with the player's intended line of play; the player may obtain relief, without penalty, as follows:

If the ball lies off the green, but not in a penalty area and is within two club-lengths of the intervening obstruction, it may be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where it lay which a) is not nearer the hole, b) avoids further interference, and c) is not in a penalty area or on the putting green.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE – Unattached walls and retaining walls of tees and roadways are considered integral parts of the course. No relief is given.

FLOWERBEDS / PLANTED AREAS – There is **NO** relief for flowerbeds or planted areas. If relief is required, for a one stroke penalty, a player may use any of the options under Rule 19 – Unplayable Ball.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule is two strokes.