## LOCAL RULES - TATUM RIDGE MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION January 1, 2024

- 1. FREE DROP (take nearest relief, no nearer the hole):
  - A. Ball resting in a tree well or touching any tree roots lying above the ground this includes Stance and Swing. However, all waste areas (filter sand and mulched areas around trees and tree stumps) are in play and the ball must be played from these areas.
  - B. All culverts including plants on top of the culverts.
  - C. Ground under repair.
  - D. Abnormal ground conditions, which are defined as significant ruts and tire tracks caused by wet ground and equipment, new sod areas and rocks around drainage areas <u>that are not in a Penalty Area</u>.

EXCEPTIONS TO FREE DROP - Ball stays in a tree - it is not a free drop.

- 2. PENALTY AREAS: (All penalty areas are considered as <u>**Red Penalty**</u> areas)
  - A. All lakes including their railroad ties and perimeter rocks.
  - B. The brush area between Holes 10 & 18.
  - C. Bushes near the pumps and pipes on Hole 12 and the bushes near the rest room on Hole 15.
  - D. All brush, shrubbery and wooded areas, other than out of bounds, within the outer perimeter edges of the course are Penalty Areas.
  - E. The wooded area between Hole 8 and 14.
  - F. Drainage Rocks on the left side of Hole 8, in front of the green on Hole 11 and between the bunker and the rest room on Hole 15.
  - G. The trees and bushes behind the green on Hole 3.
  - H. Shrubbery area along the right side of Hole 5 is a Penalty Area.
- 3. OUT OF BOUNDS or LOST BALL (other than lost in a Red Penalty area). The fences on the right of Holes 4, 16 & 18 are out of bounds.
  - A) Play a provisional ball if you think your ball is:
    - 1) Lost in other than a Red Penalty area or
    - 2) Out of bounds.

B) Or proceed under <u>Model Rule E-5</u>: in order to save time and maintain pace of play, **under penalty of 2-strokes**, drop and play another ball. The ball may be dropped in the fairway within 2-club lengths from the edge of the fairway, adjacent to where you know or are virtually certain the ball was lost or out of bounds, no nearer the hole.

## 4. LIFT, CLEAN AND PLACE:

When lift, clean and place rules are in effect, the location of the ball should be marked, the ball lifted, cleaned and replaced within one club length of the original location.

## 5. ON GREENS - TAKING RELIEF FROM ROUGH, BARREN AND SANDY PATCHES:

There is no penalty for moving the ball **on the green** (take nearest relief, no closer to the hole) to create a path to the hole that avoids rough, barren and sandy patches. This is a temporary rule with the expectation that if and when the greens are free from rough, barren and sandy patches, the rule will be rescinded. **The ball must be on the green to take relief.** 

6. ALL WASTE AREAS (filter sand around trees and tree stumps) and MULCHED AREAS:

If the ball or stance is on a root take a free drop. The ball must be played from the filter sand or the mulched area.

- 7. DROP ZONE HOLE 13: within 3-yards of the rough behind the Red Tee Markers.
- 8. In all disturbed areas in bunkers and waste areas the ball can be placed no further than **6-inches** from the original spot. Example: the ball comes to rest in an unraked footprint.

## Reminder: In the General Area play the ball as it lies.