

# TAPATIO SPRINGS

HILL COUNTRY RESORT

## 2019 LOCAL RULE SHEET

- 1) Please refer to the Rules of Golf book effective January 2019 concerning any rules questions. **These Local Rules supersede Local Rules on the scorecard.**
- 2) Penalty Areas will be defined by yellow or red stakes, lines or physical features. Where marked, lines will define the penalty area and stakes identify the penalty area. In the absence of lines, stakes define the area. As an additional option for a red penalty area, where possible, a player may have the additional option of using the opposite margin equidistant to the point the ball entered the penalty area as the reference point.
- 3) Ground under repair will include:
  - a) Areas on the course marked with white lines
  - b) Newly planted sod not marked as ground under repair should be played as it lies, although, if your ball lies in a SOD SEAM, relief will be granted if the sod seam interferes with the lie of the ball or your area of intended swing
  - c) French Drains (stone filled drainage ditches)
  - d) Staked trees... Any young tree on the course designated by **ropes and stakes** is considered a no play zone in which mandatory relief required for lie of ball, stance and area of intended swing...the tree itself along with the ropes and stakes are considered as one.
  - e) Trees with raised bed tree wells, mandatory relief is required for lie of ball.
- 4) Out of bounds will be defined by white stakes, property fences, inside edges of any city road and where applicable, indicated by WHITE DOTS. A ball which comes to rest on or over a city road is considered out of bounds. OB is determined by the nearest inside points of the fence, stake or road at ground level.
- 5) **Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Ball Lost or Out of Bounds:** If the player has NOT hit a provisional ball, this option allows the player to drop in a large area between the point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone out of bounds and the edge of the fairway that is not nearer the hole. The player gets TWO PENALTY STROKES when using this relief.
- 6) The Embedded Ball Rule applies to all GENERAL AREAS on the course.
- 7) Fire ants and their mounds are considered a dangerous situation and relief is granted under Rule 16.2a & 16.2b.
- 8) Animal hoof damage: In the general area or in a bunker, damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by animal hoofs is ground under repair and Rule 16.1 applies (Abnormal Course Conditions). **Such damage on the putting green may be repaired and Rule 13.1c (2) applies.**
- 9) Deer or antelope dung in any area **except a penalty area** is considered as either loose impediments or as ground under repair at the option of the player. An accumulation of dung will be considered as one area of ground under repair.
- 10) Damage by animals: Damage in the "general area" caused by animals such as armadillos or skunks will be considered ground under repair. Interference does not exist if the damage only interferes with the player's stance.
- 11) Obstructions close to putting green...If a ball lies in the general area and an immovable obstruction within 2 club lengths of the putting green and within 2 club lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows.... the ball may be lifted and dropped within the relief area using Rule 16.1b.
- 12) Drop Zones: As an additional option for a ball in a penalty area, drop zones are provided on holes 12 and 17. **The restroom building at "5 points", on holes 7 and 16, and the continuous mulched areas surrounding that building is deemed to be one complete "immovable obstruction". AS AN ADDED OPTION: Players may take complete relief by using the FREE DROP circle located near the cart trail of #16 fairway, or you may take nearest point of relief no nearer the hole.**
- 13) NO PLAY ZONES: The PENALTY AREA outside of the white fence to right side of hole #11, beginning with the outermost edge of the fence, and defined by red stakes is considered a NO PLAY ZONE. Players are prohibited from playing from this penalty area. Players are also discouraged from entering this area to retrieve errant golf balls due to the severe slope.
- 14) The white fence on hole #11 is an immovable obstruction for a ball lying on the course side of the fence. Nearest point of relief no nearer the hole is allowed, which allows of stance and swing.
- 15) PLEASE DO NOT ENTER A HOMEOWNER'S PROPERTY TO RETRIEVE ERRANT GOLF BALLS.