

## TTSGA PLAYING GUIDELINES FOR 2020

1. **One ball rule** is in effect, except on the green should you want to putt with a different ball. You should identify your golf balls with your mark or initials.
2. **Ball** can be bumped with the clubhead within a grip length in your own fairway.
3. **Maximum score** on any hole is double par. All putts must be holed out, unless, your next putt gives you a double par, then pick up and move on.
4. All penalties are one (1) stroke except as noted in rules #7 and #8 below.
5. **Marked ground under repair**, drop 2 club lengths away, no closer to the hole, drop and hit with no penalty. If your ball is in your own fairway, but rests on rocks or a bare spot, you may move your ball without penalty to the **nearest area of grass, (not necessarily the nicest area or best position)**, no closer to the hole.  
  
**If you are not in your own fairway**, the ball must be played down as it lies. If rocks, gravel or other conditions prohibit a shot or threaten damage to a club, you have the option of taking an unplayable lie with a 1-stroke penalty.
6. **Penalty areas**, hit ball as it lies with no penalty, **OR**, drop out 2 club lengths from where the ball entered and hit from there with 1-stroke penalty.
7. **Out of bounds, Lost Ball**; drop a ball 2 club lengths in your fairway nearest the point where the OB or lost ball occurred and hit from there, **2- stroke penalty**.  
  
\*\*\* **MAXIMUM SEARCH TIME FOR LOST or OB BALL IS 3 MINUTES** \*\*\*
8. **Hitting Wrong Ball or Hitting From Wrong Tee**, 1-stroke penalty, **but** you must correct mistake before beginning play on the next hole or leaving the the green of your last hole or **you are Disqualified!**
9. **Bunkers**, with water or mud; move ball to dry area, place and hit, without penalty. Other bunker conditions and remedies will be addressed prior to the beginning of play on tournament day.
10. **Ball Hit Into Body of Water (Excludes Tee Shots on Par 4 & Par 5 holes)**: Drop on other side of the water on a line from flag to where the ball entered the water unless there is a designated or marked "drop zone". Either drop incurs a 1-stroke penalty.
11. **Ball hit and found in a non-mowed weed area**; Ball can be played from that spot without penalty, **OR**, dropped 2 club lengths outside the nearest border of the non-mowed area with a 1-stroke penalty.
12. **Moveable Obstructions**: Can be moved without penalty. **Immovable Obstructions** (anything artificial or temporary), you get free relief, that includes ball, stance and swing. **No Relief** from natural growing things such as trees, shrubs, vines, bushes, etc. **Free relief** from sprinkler heads.