

TCGA
Men's City Championships
Ackerman Hills and Kampen Course

RULES OF PLAY

- 1) USGA RULES apply except where modified by local rule below. All decisions by the committee are final. TCGA Committee: Brent Wills, Wayne White, Tim Adams, Randy Rupp, Dan Ross PGA
- 2) MISCONDUCT & CELL PHONE POLICY – Personal misconduct will not be tolerated and cell phone calls on the course, incoming or outgoing, are prohibited during play. Penalty will be two strokes per occurrence at the discretion of the TCGA committee.
- 3) DRIVER HEAD/GOLF BALLS-The driver head and golf ball the player uses shall be named on the current "List of Conforming Driver Heads/Golf Balls" of the USGA which is posted on the USGA website. **Penalty: Disqualification**
- 4) RANGE FINDERS & GPS that do not figure slope or provide shot advice are permitted but only without delay in play. All flagsticks have reflective prisms and GPS can be utilized if available. Competitors may give fellow playing partners yardages only, but must adhere to the rules of soliciting shot selection advice as prescribed by the Rules of Golf (i.e. do not give club advice).
- 5) OUT OF BOUNDS – is defined by white stakes and the inside edge of boundary fences. Out of bounds markers, or ropes in between markers, cannot be removed, moved, or altered under any circumstance. NOTE: **NO** IN-COURSE OUT OF BOUNDS RIGHT OF ACKERMAN #18.
- 6) LATERAL HAZARD – indicated by red stakes and defined by red lines.
- 7) REGULAR WATER HAZARD – indicated by yellow stakes and defined by yellow lines.
- 8) BUNKERS - All sandy areas are to be played as a bunker. Stones or rocks in bunkers are deemed movable obstructions and maybe removed without penalty (this does not apply to loose impediments i.e. leaves, twigs, acorns, etc)
- 9) LOST BALL – A player has 5 minutes to locate his golf ball before it is declared lost. Hitting a provisional ball from the original location will speed up play.
- 10) EMBEDDED BALL- (Appendix I) Anywhere "through the green", a ball which is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, except in loose sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole.
- 11) GROUND UNDER REPAIR – defined by circled white lines. Players may take relief, it must be complete relief (lie and stance) unless your ball lies in a defined area, play it as it lies.
- 12) DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE (Rule 3-3) Complete the hole with two balls. Announce to your fellow competitors your intentions and which ball you wish to score should the rules permit. (Contact the rules committee before you sign your scorecard as soon as you finish play)
- 13) PACE OF PLAY – (Rule 6-7 Undue Delay) each group is required to maintain its position on the golf course. This simply means keeping up with the group in front of you! Groups falling behind may be timed. Any player in the timed group who exceeds 45 seconds on any shot will be given a warning; any further violations of the '45 second rule' will result in a two stroke penalty per occurrence. Pace of Play will be monitored and enforced.
- 14) TIME OF STARTING – If a player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty will be two strokes at the first hole instead of disqualification. The penalty for arriving beyond five minutes after the starting time will be disqualification.
- 15) EXCHANGE OF SCORE CARDS – Do not keep your own score! Cards will be exchanged on the first tee. Each card must be signed by the scorer and attested to by the competitor. Cards must be turned in at the designated scoring area.
- 16) TURNING IN SCORECARDS -When all scores have been posted on the Official Scoreboard and approved by the Committee, the result of the competition shall be deemed to have been announced. In the event of a playoff, the competitions shall be deemed to have closed when the playoff scores have been approved by the Committee.
- 17) INCLEMENT WEATHER – One prolonged blast signals a dangerous situation. Suspend play and evacuate the course. Two blasts signal a normal suspension. Competitors can complete the hole they are on but can't start a new hole.
- 18) RULES COMMITTEE – Is comprised of TCGA Members and/or the course professionals. Decisions will be final. The committee reserves the right to assess the penalty of disqualification for inappropriate conduct.
- 19) PLAYOFF – When determining flights, ties will be decided by a card playoff working backwards from a selected hole.
- 20) In the event of weather delays and issues, the committee will determine the best course of action to complete the championship.