



# Chicago District Golf Association

## COVID-19 Local Rules



The following Local Rules will be in effect at all CDGA events until the Committee deems them unnecessary.

These Rules are in addition to the terms of the competition and notice to players for each event.

### **BUNKERS:**

Any disturbed area in a bunker is deemed an Abnormal Course Condition (Ground Under Repair). The player may take full relief or maximum available relief under **Rule 16.1c**, but he or she must drop inside the bunker for free relief.

**Note: Rule 16.1** is modified in this way: Interference exists only if the disturbed area in the bunker interferes with the player's lie of the ball or area of intended swing (such as a ridge in front of or behind the ball). There is no relief for interference with stance.

- Disturbed areas include (but are not limited to) footprints and other disturbances that may have been caused by players, animals, or other sources (this does not include a disturbance created as a result of the previous stroke).
  - The player has the option to play the ball as it lies.
  - If the player takes free relief under **Rule 16.1c**, the player must drop the ball (from knee height) within one club length of the nearest point of relief or maximum available relief within the bunker, no nearer to the hole. The player is not permitted to place the ball unless the ball fails to stay within the relief area after two drops (**Rule 14.3c**). If a drop creates a new disturbance (such as a plugged lie), the player is not entitled to relief from that disturbance or to take a second drop because of that disturbance.
  - As an additional option under **Rule 16.1c**, for a **penalty of one stroke**, the player may elect to use back-on-line relief by dropping behind the bunker along the line formed by the hole and the spot where the ball was at rest in the bunker, going back as far as the player wishes.

### **FLAGSTICK:**

For the safety and well-being of all, the flagstick is not to be touched and is to remain in the hole at all times. **Rule 13.2** is modified in this way: A player is prohibited from making a stroke with the flagstick removed from the hole. **Note:** Touching the flagstick inadvertently and the subsequent replacement of the flagstick is not of itself a penalty. Should a player inadvertently touch the flagstick, take appropriate precautions and use hand sanitizer. (If a player needs to re-center the flagstick, they may do so using a club)

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:

- First Breach – **General Penalty**
- Subsequent Breaches – **Disqualification**

### **HOLED:**

The traditional definition of Holed has been modified to say: If any part of the ball is in the *Hole* below the surface of the putting green, the ball is treated as *Holed* even if the entire ball is not below the surface. This definition will be used for hole inserts (such as plastic piping, pool noodles or the like). **Note:** If the ball does bounce out of the hole, the ball is NOT considered holed.

### **SCORECARD VERIFICATION:**

A player's scorecard is considered returned and final after all players in the group have verbally agreed to the hole-by-hole scores while at the scoring table with the CDGA staff member. Once the players leave the scoring area, no additional changes can be made. Failure to return to the scoring area immediately following the round will result in **Disqualification**.