

54 US Canadian Firefighters Golf Tournament

Official Tournament Rules



BELLA COLLINA

All U.S.G.A. rules apply in addition to the following local rules endorsed by Bella Collina:

PACE OF PLAY: for each round will be 4 hours and 45 minutes. There will be “1 warning” for pace of play violation. Each group is responsible for monitoring their own pace of play. To avoid penalty, your group should be within **15 minutes** of the group ahead.

NOTE: If unable to finish in the pace of play time, we will go to the double bogey rule.

Local Rules:

Out of Bounds is defined by a combination of white stakes, white lines plus the inside edge of all public roads, (including curbing), surrounding the course are Out of Bounds. A ball coming to rest on the opposite side of a public road, even though it may be on another part of the course, is Out of Bounds. **To speed up play it will be considered just like a lateral water hazard.**

Lost Ball: Stroke Penalty where ball presumed lost.

Ground Under Repair: Any area circled by white lines, ant piles, bare areas, tree roots and any tire track areas. Free drop one club length no closer to hole from nearest point of relief.

Ornamental Flower Beds: *No areas* of the course are considered ornamental; thus no free relief is given. Should your ball land in a flower bed you may play it as it lies or take an unplayable with the penalty.

Loose Impediments: Moss growing in trees is **NOT** a loose impediment. Moss which has fallen to the ground is a loose impediment and may be removed.

Dangerous Situations: Players are reminded to exercise extreme caution if they encounter fire ant hills, snakes and/or alligators. Fire ant hills are deemed to be ground under repair. Relief without penalty is available under Decision 1-4/10 for other dangerous situations that interfere with play.

Immovable Obstructions: Sprinkler heads on putting greens are Immovable Obstructions. If a player’s ball lies on the putting green, interference also occurs if the obstruction intervenes on the line of putt. Relief is available under 25-2b(iii).

Water Hazards: All water hazards on the course are identified by stakes, it will be treated as lateral water hazards.

Causal Water: Free relief no penalty, 1 club length no closer to hole from nearest point of relief.

Relief from embedded ball: A ball embedded in its own pitch mark, through the green, may be lifted, cleaned, and dropped without penalty as near as possible to the spot it lay but no closer to the hole.

- **Any ball lying in a prepared waste area may be lifted, cleaned and replaced within one club length no closer to the hole without penalty. This includes relief that may be taken from any washout trench located in these retention areas.**

Stones in bunkers: Are declared as movable obstructions and will be allowed to be removed. “No Penalty incurred”

SCORE CARDS: Score cards must be returned into the Tournament Committee Designee, immediately after completion of play and or individual play. Must be turned into the scoring area by the clubhouse. Score Cards must be filled out completely and ledge able “added” and **must have 2 signatures.**

REMINDER:

When in DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE (Rule 3-3): If a competitor is doubtful of his/her rights or the correct procedure during play of a hole he/she may, without penalty, complete the hole with a second ball. The competitor MUST report the facts of the situation to the Tournament Committee and Head Golf Pro before turning in their scorecard. If he/she fails to do so, he/she is DISQUALIFIED. NOTE: The final ruling will be made by the Head Golf Pro and Host Committee.

REMINDER PLAY-OFF: A play-off for Individual and 2-person teams, will be done by matching cards starting at highest handicap hole on final day. 4-person Team Champion “Master, Senior Master will begin on hole #1 El Campeon and #1 Bella Collina, immediately following completion of play. **It is the responsibility of the player(s) to be present for any play-off.**

All Golf Course Rulings the Decisions will be Made by Head Golf Pro and Host Committee and they are Final.