

**Optimist Caribbean Junior Golf Championships**  
**Barbados Golf Club**  
**April 15th to 17th 2019**

**Rules of Competition**

**FORMAT**

The 2019 Optimist Junior Caribbean Championships is an individual Stroke play Competition over 54 holes.

**ROUNDS**

The 2019 Optimist Junior Caribbean Championships consists of 3 rounds of 18 holes each for a total of 54 holes to be played at the Barbados Golf Club. In the event of bad weather or any other circumstances and the three Rounds cannot be completed then the tournament will be based on the first completed 36 holes.

**TEES MARKERS**

**BOYS 16 - 18 ----- GOLD MARKERS**  
**GIRLS 15 - 18 ----- WHITE MARKERS**  
**BOYS 14 - 15 ----- BLUE MARKERS**  
**GIRLS 13 - 14 ----- RED MARKERS**  
**BOYS 12 - 13 ----- WHITE MARKERS**

**Modification to Local Rules and Condition of Competition**

**(This Notice supplements the Local Rules and Conditions of Competition applicable to The 2019 Optimist Junior Caribbean Championships.)**

**RULES OF PLAY**

Play is governed by the most current Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A/USGA and their interpretations and, where applicable, by the following Local Rules. These supersede any other local rules, which have no application.

**Unless otherwise specified in the Rules of Golf, the general penalty for breach of any Local Rule - two strokes. maximum penalty for repeated breach - four strokes.**

**Local Rules**

**Out of Bounds**

Is defined by inside points at ground level of white stakes and lines, fences, drains and roads. These are integral parts of the course. There is no relief without penalty from these obstructions. A ball which is on or crosses a public road and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course. All fencing along the perimeter of the course defines out of bounds. No free relief from all such fencing.

**Penalty Areas Rule 17.1**

Red penalty areas are defined by red stakes or red lines. When both stakes and lines are used to define red penalty areas, stakes identify penalty areas and lines define margins.

**Ground under Repair Rule 16.1**

Ground under Repair is defined by enclosed blue lines. The blue lines are part of the Ground under Repair. Ground under repair includes exposed rock in the general area, **BUT** this does NOT include rock walls or areas of rock that are used to support greens or banks.

**Integral Parts of the Course**

Cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees, liners in bunkers and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas are integral parts of the course unless otherwise specified in the Notice to Competitors.

**Obstructions Rule 15.1 or 16.1 (as applicable)**

- (a) Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.
- (b) Fixed sprinkler heads and drain covers are immovable obstructions; In addition, if such an

obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the green of the hole being played intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may obtain relief without penalty, as follows: If the ball lies off the putting green but not in a penalty area and is within two club-lengths of the intervening obstruction, it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped in the relief area (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids such interference and (c) is not in a penalty area or on a putting green.

- (c) Artificially surfaced roads and paths are immovable obstructions.
- (d) If a ball strikes any power line crossing the course, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made. (Rule 14.6)
- (e) Flower and shrub beds are defined as no-play zones. Free relief must be taken from interference by the no play zone.

**Distance Measuring Devices Rule 4.3**

In this competition a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

**Etiquette**

In the case of serious breach of etiquette, the committee may disqualify a player under Rule 1.2 **Please see attached. Policy Document.**

**Doubt as to Procedure Rule 20-1c(3)**

If any question as to the Rules arises during play, it is recommended that a player proceed under Rule 20-1c(3). The player must decide to play two balls after the situation arises and before making a stroke and choose which ball will count if the Rules allow the procedure used for that ball by announcing that choice to his marker or other player before making a stroke. The player must seek a decision from the Rules Committee at or before the conclusion of his/her round but before signing and returning his/her scorecard.

**List of Conforming Golf Balls Rule 4.2a**

Only brands of golf balls on the current Edition of the List of Conforming Golf Balls prepared by the USGA and R&A may be used. *Penalty for use of brand not on list - Disqualification.*

**Limitation of Golf Balls Rule**

The One-ball Rule is **not** in effect.

**Time of Starting Rule 5-3a**

If a player arrives at the first tee, ready to play, within five minutes after his/her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole. Otherwise the penalty is disqualification, unless the Committee determines that there are exceptional circumstances preventing the player from starting on time.

**Pace of Play**

See Pace of Play Policy Statement.

**Discontinuance of Play Rule 5.7**

If a potentially dangerous situation exists, play may be suspended by the Committee, which will be signalled by one prolonged air horn note. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he shall be **disqualified** unless circumstances warrant waiving such penalty as provided in Rule. All practice areas shall be closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Three consecutive air horn notes, repeated, shall signal all other types of suspension. Two short air horn notes, repeated, shall signal resumption of play.

**Close of Competition**

The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the Committee has approved all scores.

**Practice Rule 5.2 applies**

*i.e. Practice on the course between rounds is not permitted*

Practice on or near the putting green of the hole last played is also **not permitted**. Rule 5.5b

**CELL PHONES**

The use of Cell Phones is prohibited during the round except for an emergency or to call a Rules official.

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**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION** *Rule 16.1*

Sheds, artificially surfaced roads and paths and other paths which are defined by blue markings are immovable obstructions. White lined areas tying into roads and paths have the same status as the roads or paths, and thus they are obstructions and not ground under repair. Exit and entrance to paved cart paths and roads are part of the obstruction. Any railing or stakes supporting ropes on the course for the purpose of directing cart traffic adjacent to a cart path is deemed to be part of the obstruction constituted by the cart path. Distance markers on the fairway are immovable Obstructions. Rocks used for retaining greens, the general area or bunkers are integral parts of the course (example: the approach to the green on hole #1), no free relief is given.

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION** *Rule 16.1*

Advertising signs on the course may be either Temporary Immovable or moveable obstructions.

**MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS**

A player who needs to repeat the shot can be transported by any one with a cart. Rules officials may authorize the transportation of players when necessary to speed up play.

**CADDIES, CARTS, PUSH/PULL CARTS** *Rule 10.3*

Caddies and electric carts are not allowed in the championships. Push/pull carts are permissible in all Age Divisions boys and girls.

**DROP ZONES**

If a ball is in the penalty area when playing hole#16, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the penalty area, the player must drop a ball in the dropping zone defined as a circle enclosed by a yellow line in a relief area under Rule 14.3. The drop zone is located next to the plant fence/cart path and adjacent to the 15<sup>th</sup> green.

**PRACTICE GREEN/WRONG GREEN**

The practice green located between holes #9 and #18 is a wrong putting green and free relief is required to be taken under Rule 13.1f. Hole 9 and 18 greens are defined by a blue line. The practice green is marked by blue lines.

**Prohibiting Play From Fringe of Wrong Green**

If a player must take relief under Rule 13.1f because his or her ball came to rest on a wrong putting green or that putting green interferes with his or her stance or area of intended swing:

- In finding the relief area to be used when taking this relief, the putting green is defined to include the area of fairway within within two club lengths from the edge of the putting green.
- This means that the nearest point of complete relief must avoid interference from this area in addition to the putting green.

**CART PATHS**

Cart paths are immovable obstructions, some cart paths lead into or out of waste areas which are integral parts of the course. The start or end of such cart paths are identified by blue lines.

**LOOSE GRAVEL**

Some areas of the course contain loose gravel for drainage and other purposes, these areas are defined by blue lines and may be treated as Ground Under Repair

**THE DRIVING RANGE**

The entire Driving Range is Ground under Repair

**EMBEDDED BALL**

In the general area, a ball embedded in its own pitch mark, may be lifted, cleaned and dropped in and comes to rest in the relief area without penalty. The relief point for taking relief is the spot right behind where the ball is embedded. Rule 16.3

**Line of Play Relief for Protective Fence**

During play of the Hole 13 and Hole 14, if the protective fence along the boundary of the house to the right of fairway 14 and green 13 is on a player's line of play, interferes with his/her stance or swing, the player may take free relief.

During play if the protective fence (including stays) around the driving range is on a player's line of play, interferes with his/her stance or swing, the player may take free relief. If the player's ball enters the Driving Range, free relief will also be taken.

**Relief from Cracks in Ground**

Cracks in the ground in parts of the general area are ground under repair. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

**Relief from Tree Roots in Fairway**

If a player's ball is in the general area and there is interference from exposed tree roots that are in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less or in the rough within two club lengths of the closely mowed area or in the first cut of the rough, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.

**But interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance.**

**SCORECARDS** *Rule 3.3b*

When the player has completed his round, he should return his own scorecard signed and certified promptly to the Official Scoring Table. Once the player leaves the immediate area, he/she is considered to have returned his/her card and no changes may be made.

**SPECTATORS** - Spectators should remain on cart paths or in the rough and approximately 30 yards from the players. There shall be no communication between players and spectators that could be deemed advice of any nature for the duration of the player's stipulated round. If any such communication takes place, it shall be prima facie evidence of a breach of **Rule 10** by the player.

**Accidental Movement of Ball on a putting Green**

Rule 9.2

**RULES COMMITTEE**

The Rules Committee is Mr. Trenton Weekes, Mr Mike Jackman and Mr Bruce Hackett, The decisions of the committee are final

**GOOD LUCK**