

Local Golf Rules

Revised local rules June 2023

1. NEWLY PLANTED, TRANSPLANTED OR YOUNG TREES: Trees that are staked, wired, and/or marked with a ribbon. Player is entitled to relief if either the tree, stakes or wire interfere with stance or swing. **Relief: Nearest point of relief, stance and swing plus one club length from stake, wire, and/or tree, no nearer the hole. No penalty.**
2. 150 YARD MARKERS AND FLOWER BEDS: If Player's ball comes to rest such that 150 yard markers interfere with stance or swing, or comes to rest in a flower bed, Player is entitled to Stance & Swing relief. **Relief: Nearest point of relief, stance and swing plus one club length, no nearer the hole. No penalty.**
3. TREE WELLS: Ball in tree wells on the eighth, tenth and sixteenth holes. Player is entitled to Stance & Swing relief. **Relief: Nearest point of relief, stance and swing plus one club length, no nearer the hole. No penalty.**
4. LARGE ROCKS IN FAIRWAY AND ROUGH: First hole located on right side of green, eleventh hole behind green, fourteenth hole near 150-yard marker, seventeenth hole near 100-yard marker, eighteenth hole near 150-yard marker. If any of these rocks interferes with Player's stance or swing, Player is entitled to relief. **Relief: Nearest point of relief, stance, swing, plus one club length, no nearer the hole. No penalty.**

There is no longer any "line-of-play" relief given.

5. FOURTH HOLE: Roped-off open hole near left side of fairway. If a player's ball comes to rest or a Player's stance is inside these ropes, Player is entitled to relief. Ropes may be dropped to provide a clear path for a Player's swing. **Relief: Nearest point of relief, stance and swing plus one club length, no nearer the hole. No penalty.**
6. CART PATHS: A road or path, which has been, surfaced with anything artificial, i.e. concrete, tar, wood chips, ash, etc. (including dirt paths which are extensions of cart paths) **Relief: Nearest point of relief, stance and swing plus one club length, no nearer the hole. No penalty.**
7. EMBEDDED BALL: 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.

8. ROCK WALLS: Rock walls to the right of the green on #4, to right of the cart path on #9 and to the right of the cart path on #15 are boundary to the golf course. **No relief.**

Rock wall to the left of the cart path on #9 and along the right side of #17 are NOT boundaries to the course and therefore are deemed an immovable obstruction which falls under Abnormal Course Condition under Rule 16.1.

Relief: Nearest point of relief, stance and swing plus one club length, no nearer the hole. No penalty.

NOTE: Stone and gravel at the base of all rock walls is a component of the wall and is considered part of the wall.

9. TWELFTH HOLE: The water hazard on #13 is to be played as a lateral hazard.

The fence to the right of the green is a boundary to the course. **No Relief.** You do get relief from the cart path. See 6 above.

10. SPRINKLER HEADS AROUND GREENS: A player whose ball lies on the fringe within 2 feet of a green and has a sprinkler head on his intended line of play between his ball and the hole is entitled to relief from said sprinkler head. **Relief: Nearest point of relief plus one club length, no nearer the hole. No Penalty.**

11. TENTH HOLE: If a ball lies on the Green and the drain in the green interferes with the stance, swing or line of play, Player is entitled to relief under Rule 16.1.D. Relief: **Nearest point of relief hole no nearer the hole.** If a ball lies off the Green on fairway length grass and the drain interferes with the line of play between the ball and the hole, Player is entitled to relief under local rule. Relief: **Nearest point of relief plus one club length no nearer the hole.**

In the tradition of golf, each association member is expected to exercise good judgement, integrity, and honesty in questionable areas.

*** Through the green** is the whole area of the course except:

- The teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played; and
- All hazards on the course.

“Temporary Water” is any temporary accumulation of water on the course that is not in a water hazard and is visible before or after the player takes his stance. Dew and Frost are NOT temporary water.