

LOCAL RULES

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18.2) A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond:

Any boundary walls or fences defining the boundary of the course.

- The line between the course side points at ground level of white stakes or railings, defining the boundaries of the course, including the clubhouse and parking area.

FOR LOCAL RULES 2 - 4: FREE RELIEF IS ALLOWED ANYWHERE EXCEPT WHEN THE BALL IS IN A PENALTY AREA.

Determine the nearest point of complete relief and drop a ball in a relief area of one club length not nearer the hole under R16.1. - Full relief must be taken.

2. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (Rule 16)

2.1 GROUND UNDER REPAIR:

- Is defined by a notice or any area encircled by a white painted line.
- All garden beds in the General Area
- Tyre ruts made by vehicles

2.2 IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:

- All service roads and pathways (Including stance)
- All distance and penalty area markers

3. PROTECTION OF TREES (Rule 16.1f)

Trees identified by a **WHITE** stake or PVC pipe are No Play Zones. If interference exists by the tree with the lie of the ball, stance or intended swing of the player, the player **MUST** take free relief under Rule 16.1f.

4. OVERHEAD TELEPHONE, POWER LINES & PYLONS:

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball strikes a telephone line, power line or pylon or telephone pole during play, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made under Rule 14.6.

5. PYLONS – NO PLAY ZONES (Rule 16.1f)

The electrical pylons on holes 10, 14 and 15 are No Play Zones. These areas are defined as Abnormal Course Conditions. If a ball lies within these areas, lateral relief **must** be taken without penalty **not nearer the hole**.

6. RANCH FENCE HOLE #6

Free Relief from ranch fence for stance and swing.

Make use of drop zone left side of the green.

7. E-7 RELIEF FROM ELECTRIC BOUNDARY FENCE

Purpose. - Where the electric fence interferes with a player's swing resulting in possible harm to the player, a Local Rule providing free relief of two club-lengths from the boundary fence is permitted to ensure the safety of the player.

8. RELIEF FROM TREE ROOTS (Model Local Rule F-9.2)

Model Local Rule F-9: If the player's ball is in the general area and there is interference from exposed tree roots that are on the fairway or within four club-lengths in the rough from the edge of the fairway, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair, and the player may take relief under rule 16.1b. **Interference does not exist if the roots only interfere with the player's stance.**

9. M.L.R. L-2 MAKING THE PLAYER RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTERING HANDICAP ON THE SCORECARD

Contrary to the new 2023 rules of golf 3.3b(4) that states that the player will not be responsible for putting their handicap on the scorecard, GOLFRSA has introduced **M.L.R. L-2 which places the responsibility back with the player (failure to do so results in DQ from competition).**

10. M.L.R. 8E-2 MARKING, LIFTING AND CLEANING THE BALL

This rule permits the marking, lifting, and cleaning of the ball, but it must be returned to its original spot without placing it elsewhere.

Please be reminded that Rule 16.1b remains in effect, allowing players to take relief from abnormal course conditions, such as standing water etc.

11. M.L.R. F-19 EDGING GROOVES NEAR PUTTING GREENS

The edging grooves around the aprons or fringes of putting greens are ground under repair. If a player's ball lies in or touches a groove or a groove interferes with the area of intended swing:(a) Ball in General Area. The player may take free relief of one putter head behind the edging groove under Rule 16.1b/d.

**BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE: GENERAL PENALTY
(Stroke Play - Two Strokes & Match Play - Loss of Hole)**

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