



Local Information for Members of the Ladies Association of St. Johns Golf Club

ALL PENALTY AREAS ARE MARKED WITH RED STAKES.

OUT OF BOUNDS IS MARKED BY WHITE STAKES. OUT OF BOUNDS MAY ALSO BE DEFINED BY AN ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROAD; A BALL IS OUT OF BOUNDS IF ALL OF IT LIES ON OR BEYOND THE ROAD

USGA Rules govern all play, supplemented by the following local rules:

Free relief from ant hills, burrowing animal holes, tire marks, staked trees, or ground under repair.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage including areas where wet conditions have altered the ground surface materially to cause the surface to be uneven, also known as a washout area. Free relief may be taken.

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.

- For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or a replacement ball in the following relief area:
- The relief area is determined by first determining where the original ball went out of bounds or is likely to have been lost (the "ball reference point"). Then determine the closest edge of the fairway of the hole being played that is nearest the ball reference point, but is not nearer to the hole than the ball reference point (the "fairway reference point"). The relief area is anywhere between a line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club lengths to the outside of that line) and a line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club lengths to the fairway side of that line). The ball must be in the general area and no nearer to the hole than the ball reference point.

This option may not be used if the original ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area or the player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN (Model Local Rule F-5.1)

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player also has the extra option to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play.

Relief May Be Taken Only if the Ball and the Obstruction are in part of the general area cut to fairway height or less. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:

1. On the line of play, and is
2. Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and is
3. Within two club-lengths of the ball.

Exception – No Relief if Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a. (loss of hole in Match Play for the player committing the infraction)