

LOCAL RULES

1.) **Preferred Lies** (Lift, Clean & Place or Winter Rules), are allowed through closely mown (fairway) areas of the course when adverse course conditions exist such as: excessive wetness, mud, or hard pan from drought. The ball must be marked before lifting, it may be cleaned without penalty and be placed within 6" of the original position, that is not a hazard or on the putting green, no closer to the hole.

2.) **A ball sitting in a divot** may be marked and placed within 6", no closer to the hole, but cannot be cleaned.

3.) **All roads and paths** on the course, even if not artificially-surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which FREE relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. One club length, no closer to the hole.

4.) **Perimeter and maintenance out-of-bounds** markers and fencing on holes 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13 must be observed.

5.) **Ball coming to rest against OB fences** should be played as an unplayable lie under Rule 19. Player has the option of stroke & distance or the nearest point of relief, within 2 club lengths, no closer to the hole for a ONE STROKE PENALTY.

6.) **In a bunker**, a player may lift, smooth (with a foot or hand) and place a ball that lies in a footprint (human or animal) that is not the player's own.

7.) **On temporary greens** a maximum of two putts will be taken.

8.) **On the 10th hole**, FREE relief from stakes with ropes and the high fence surrounding the 17th tee can be taken as an immovable obstruction under Rule 16.1. One club length, no closer to the hole.

9.) **Drainage channels** that are made of artificial materials and run next to cart paths are treated as immovable obstructions in the general area and are part of the cart path. Any abnormal course condition (washout or maintenance work around sand traps or paths) is ground under repair. A player may take FREE relief under Rule 16.1b. One club length, no closer to the hole.

10.) **On the left side of the 8th & 10th hole** the creek, reeds and bulkheads are a lateral penalty area. For a ONE STROKE PENALTY relief may be taken as per Rule 17.1d.

11.) **Safety out-of-bounds** black & white stakes between hole 7 and 8 must be observed. Ball is dropped within one club length, laterally, with NO PENALTY.

12.) **Dung from geese or deer** may be treated as either: a loose impediment that may be removed under Rule 15.1, or an abnormal course condition from which FREE relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. One club length, no closer to the hole.

13.) **Mulched areas around plantings** are immovable obstructions from which FREE relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. One club length, no closer to the hole.

14.) **USGA Model Local Rule E-5** may be used as an alternative to stroke & distance for lost (outside a hazard or penalty area) or OB balls. For TWO PENALTY STROKES move the ball laterally, no closer to the hole, and drop within 2 club lengths on the fairway. This is now the ball in play. The original (or provisional) ball is no longer in play even if found before the end of the 3 minute search time. (See video on website)

15.) **Players must honor a request to play through** if at least one complete hole is open. A 2 STROKE PENALTY will be imposed on each member of the group if the request is not honored. This is to be reported to the Tournament Chairperson.