

Pine Hills Men's Club

Summer Rules

ALL U.S.G.A. RULES APPLY

The rules committee will post local rule changes and exceptions for any day it is warranted. It is the player's responsibility to know the rules and follow all postings. Any disputes, problems, or questions must be addressed to the rules committee immediately upon completion of play.

Local Rules are in effect until further notice

1. In the fairway of the hole being played, the ball will be played as it lies with the following exceptions: A player can request relief for a ball in a divot that has not been repaired or ground that clearly should be marked as ground under repair. Your opponent must see the condition and agree. If the player and the opponent agree that relief should be granted, the player proceeds as follows: **The player can lift, clean, and drop the ball within one club length no closer to the hole. You cannot roll the ball.**

If the opponent does not agree that relief should be granted, the player has the following options: 1. Play the ball as it lies and complete the hole. 2. Announce that he or she would like the committee to make the decision and take pictures of the condition. The player will then complete the hole with the original ball played from where it lies and another ball with relief taken. Both balls need to be holed out. At the end of the round, the player will ask the rules committee to make a decision before submitting the scorecard.

2. In sand traps of the hole being played, the ball will be played as it lies with the following exceptions: A player may request relief for a ball that has come to rest in a footprint or other unreasonable condition not made by the ball. Your opponent must see the condition and agree. **If the player and the opponent agree that relief should be granted, the player proceeds as follows: Smooth the sand and place the ball as near as possible to where the ball originally came to rest.** If this is not possible, find the nearest point in the sand trap that grants relief from the condition. If it is not possible to take relief in the sand trap the ball is in, another sand trap can be used.

If the opponent does not agree that relief should be granted, the player has the following options: 1. Play the ball as it lies and complete the hole. 2. Announce that he or she would like the committee to make the decision and take pictures of the condition. The player will then complete the hole with the original ball played from where it lies and another ball with relief taken. Both balls need to be holed out. At the end of the round, the player will ask the rules committee to make a decision before submitting the scorecard.

If there are no rakes for the sand traps, in your sand trap, you may smooth the sand and you must place your ball in the original spot.

3. The PHMC will now play the Local Rule instituted by the USGA of Stroke and Distance. Here is the video link from the USGA for the Procedure: [Video for Stroke/Distance Procedure](#)

4. All wood chips are considered movable obstructions. If your ball moves while removing the wood chips, there is no penalty and your ball must be replaced on its original spot.

5. Fallen or cut down branches are considered movable obstructions. If your ball moves while removing the branches, there is no penalty and your ball must be replaced in its original spot. In the event the branch is too large to move, determine the nearest point of complete relief and drop the ball within one club length, no closer to the hole. No penalty.

6. "NO PLAY ZONES" - Hole #3 Green/Hole#4 Tee box the planting box in the cart path is a "No Play Zone". Hole #5: The berm with the mulch and plantings behind the green is a "No Play Zone". If the no play zone interferes with your ball, stance, or swing, the ball must be removed and can be dropped to the right or left of the no play zone, no closer to the hole without penalty.

Rule 2-4, in the Player's Edition, defines "no play zones" this way: "A no play zone is a part of the course that you are not allowed to play your ball from. You must also take relief if the no play zone interferes with your stance or area of intended swing when playing a ball outside the no play zone."(Penalty if played from "no play zone" is 2 strokes/ loss of hole)

7. The extensions of cart paths without grass are considered ground under repair. A player may take relief if your ball or stance lies in this area. Drop ball in the nearest grassy area that gives full relief and is not closer to the hole.

8. The extensions in and out of the sand traps caused by maintenance are considered ground under repair. A player may take relief if your ball lies in this area. Drop your ball in the nearest point of relief no closer to the hole.

9. The fence along the 7th hole is the Out of Bounds marker, no relief from the fence. The roped off areas along the left sides of the 10th, 11th and 13th holes along with the area between the 11th and 16th holes, you can either **PLAY THE BALL AS IT LIES OR FROM THE SPOT OF THE BALL, TAKE FREE RELIEF OF 2 CLUB LENGTHS IN EITHER DIRECTION, NO CLOSER TO THE HOLE.** THE ROPES ARE THERE SO CARTS DO NOT DRIVE IN THOSE AREAS.

10. All unmarked penalty areas will play as "**Red Penalty Areas**". Drop procedure video: [Video on Red Drop Procedure](#)

11. Links to USGA Rules: [USGA Rules](#), [Video on Relief from Abnormal Course Condition](#), [Video for Stroke/Distance Procedure](#), [Video on taking Nearest Point of Complete Relief](#)