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Staten Island Women's Golf Association

(U.S.G.A. Rules shall govern all play plus modified local rules)

Silver Lake Golf Course Local Rule Information

General Rules

Except as described below, all flower beds, French drains and hard dirt extensions of cart paths are free lifts, nearest relief, no closer to the hole. All railroad ties, staked trees, yardage marker stakes, sprinkler system boxes and the designated tee markers are a free lift when they interfere with your stance or swing. The interior posts of the boundary fence designate out of bounds as defined by the USGA rules.

Unreasonable Delay U.S.G.A. Rule 5.6a

You must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between holes. Penalty for first breach: One penalty stroke. Penalty for second breach: General Penalty. Penalty for third breach: Disqualification. If the player unreasonably delays play between two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

Holes 1 through 18 PENALTY AREAS

Water Hazards, Lateral Water Hazards and Drainage Ditches - no relief without penalty (U.S.G.A. Rule 17).

1st Hole: Swamp area to the left "as marked" is a RED penalty area. Concrete ditch & small stream is a RED penalty area. French drain inside tree line is free lift.

4th Hole: Concrete drain beyond the green – free lift (One club length – this applies to tee shots off the 8th tee as well).

5th Hole: The newly constructed pond is a RED penalty area.

9th Hole: The road left off the tee is a free lift, nearest relief one club length. On the right side off the tee, near the cart path, there is a waste bunker. You may ground your club in this.

10th Hole: There are three penalty areas involving water. One crosses the fairway from the left side of the hole and is a YELLOW penalty area (drop with one stroke penalty), two are RED penalty areas (on the left side of the fairway and the right side of the fairway by the trees). The ditches right and left of the fairway are RED penalty areas. Concrete abutment and bridge: NOT a free lift, they are part of the penalty area. The drainage area between the hazard that crosses the fairway and the green is being played as ground under repair due to the chronic wet conditions.

Hole 11: Pond is a YELLOW penalty area.. Ditch to right of fairway and green is a RED penalty area. Drop area in effect.

Hole 12: Creek is a RED penalty area.

Hole 14: Ditch to the right along the fence of the entire hole is a RED penalty area. Mounds behind the 14th tee area are not a free lift.

Hole 15: Lake in front of tee box is a YELLOW penalty; area from the tee area towards the green is red penalty.

Hole 16: Lake is a RED penalty area on the right side.

Hole 17: Behind the green is a RED penalty area.

Hole 18: The ditch to the right of the fairway is out of bounds and will be staked as such.

Boundary Fences

No relief without penalty from all boundary fences. Play the ball as it lies with no penalty (U.S.G.A. Rule 8.1 and 16.1) or declare the ball unplayable with one stroke penalty (U.S.G.A. Rule 19.2).

5th Hole: On the left, there is an inside *course protective fence*, which is an obstruction. Ball may be dropped one club length from nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole without penalty, when fence interferes with stance or intended swing. On the left side, boundary fence is out of bounds, "as marked". Stroke and distance.

17th Hole: On the right side, there are *immovable obstructions (Poles)*. If ball lands inside pole area, (ball must be found) drop the ball one club length outside pole area no nearer the hole without penalty. This is a local rule. Ball lost inside pole area, must take penalty stroke and distance. To the right of the poles is the boundary fence which is out of bounds. If you are adjacent to the green, inside the poles, you may proceed to the drop area for your free lift. **If Out of Bounds markers are missing, the ball is played as inbounds.**

Ground Under Repair / Abnormal Course Conditions

Ball may be dropped one club length from nearest point of relief, no nearer hole without penalty, (U.S.G.A. Rule 16). French Drains – Bird Damage – Damage near Cart Paths treat as Ground Under Repair. Unmarked GUR can be established by foursome consensus.

Doubt As To Procedure

Stroke play only, if any questions arise play alternate ball. Competitor must report the facts of the situation to the Committee. (U.S.G.A. Rule 3-3).

Embedded Ball

A ball embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground in any closely mown area through the green may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, within one club length, but not nearer the hole. (U.S.G.A Rule 16-3).

Measuring Devices

Distance-Measuring Devices - Electronic devices that measure distance ONLY are permitted. Distance-measuring devices that are designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.) are prohibited, and the use of such a device, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used, shall result in disqualification. (U.S.G.A. 4.3a)

Vineyards

The vineyards are abnormal course conditions. Please do not retrieve the ball! A new ball may be dropped one club length from the nearest point of relief no nearer the hole. NO PENALTY.

Cell Phones

Cell Phones should be silenced.