

Walnut Creek Country Club

GOLF LOCAL RULES - 10/01/2012

Play is governed by the U.S.G.A. Rules of Golf and its decision where applicable, by the following Local Rules. Conditions and definitions subject to changes and/or amendments by the Golf Professional and the Golf Committee.

Appendix I of the Local Rules and Conditions of Competition in the 2012-2015 U.S.G.A. Rules of Golf:

"The committee may make and publish Local Rules for abnormal conditions if they are consistent with the policy of the governing authority of the country concerned as set forth in Appendix I to these rules." A Penalty imposed by a rule shall not be waived by a Local Rule.

1. **How to Play the Golf Ball.** The Club Proshop Staff will determine and decide any special Rules of the Day; otherwise Play the ball as it lies.
2. **Out of Bounds:** Defined by the nearest inside edge at ground level of all white posts, white lines at property lines, driving range net (no relief from net or posts), boundary fences defined by inside (golf course side) edge of central span of the fence (no relief from fence posts), railroad ties that define property lines, and public streets defined by golf course side of curb. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies out of bounds. Rule 27. White Lines marking OB take precedent over all other OB marking definitions.
3. **Water Hazards:** Identified by yellow stakes and margins are Defined by yellow Lines. A ball is in a water hazard when any part of it lies in or touches the water hazard. Rule 26.
4. **Lateral Water Hazards:** Identified by red stakes and Margins are Defined by red lines. A ball is in a lateral water hazard when any part of it lies in or touches the lateral water hazard. Rule 26.
5. **Obstructions:** Anything artificial, including sprinkler heads, control boxes, all cement and asphalt cart paths, concrete drainage across fairways #3, #18 Oak, #2, #12, #17 Pecan, Restroom complexes, bird houses, winter tarps, sewer manhole or drain covers, wooden fences on holes #7 and #8 of the Pecan and holes #9 and #13 of the Oak are all obstructions. If a player's ball is in a hazard the player may not, without penalty, take relief from an immovable obstruction within a hazard; i.e. Bridges over hazards identified as such or protective fences. Relief 24-2 B.
6. **Embedded Ball:** Anywhere "through the green", a ball which is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground, except in loose sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay, but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green where the original ball lay.
"Through the Green" means the whole area of the course except:
 - a: The teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played
 - b: All hazards on the course.

Exception: A player may not obtain relief under this rule if it clearly unreasonable for the player to play a stroke because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this rule. Appendix I.
7. **Ball Drops on Hole #8 Oak, #10 Oak Behind Green, and #11 Oak,** may be used under the Lateral or Water Hazard Rules only on these holes. A Player may use these ball drops even if it is closer to the hole than their normal drop would be. A Player must incur one penalty stroke when using the ball drop.
8. **Stones in Bunkers** are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1applies).
9. **Immovable Obstructions close to the Putting Green.** Rules 24-2 and Appendix I-5. If a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lies that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

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10. **Ground Under Repair:** Enclosed white lines define ground under repair. A ball is in ground under repair when it lies in or any part of it touches the line or the condition. The line itself is in the ground under repair. Other areas of ground under repair, even though not so marked, include:
- French Drains (trenches that have sunk below the surface, may also be filled with small stones or the like), through the green, including rough, except hazards.
 - Fire Ant Beds or Mounds.
 - Newly trenched areas or newly sodden areas.
 - Staked Trees or Bushes
 - Rocks enclosed by chain links that are not within the boundary of a hazard.

Rule 25-1. (When in doubt of a ruling, play a second ball.)

Exception: A player may not obtain relief under this rule if it clearly unreasonable for the player to play a stroke because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this rule. Appendix I.

11. **Preservation of the Golf Course:** All bedded (Beautification) areas marked with blue stakes are mandatory relief and play is prohibited from these areas. Relief may be taken from these beds, nearest point, no closer to the hole. No relief from the other mulched areas on the course.
12. **Pace of Play:** The average round of golf should be played in four (4) hours. Cart Path Only and Tournaments should be played in 4 ½ Hours.
13. A Local Rule is in effect that allows Laser Range Finders and other GPS distance measuring devices that conform to the USGA guidelines in Appendix IV of the Rules of Golf.
14. **Courtesy Professionals:** Courtesy Professionals have been given the authority to ask players to comply with the rules and policies of Walnut Creek Country Club, (i.e. observing cart path rules, use of foul or vulgar language, damaging the course, playing when the course is closed, etc.) If a violation occurs, the Courtesy Professional will bring it to the attention of the member, and will document it by filling out an incident report. If a second violation occurs, the Golf Professional will address the issue with the member and the Member's name will be submitted to the Golf Committee and the Committee will send a letter to the member. Upon a third violation and/or continued non-compliance, the Committee will submit a recommendation of suspension to the Grievance Committee of the Advisory Board and to the Club Manager.

Visit the Walnut Creek Website at www.walnutcreekcc.com for more details about Local Rules, General Course Rules, and Handicaps.

Legend

Lateral Hazards Identified by Red Stakes and Margins Defined by Red Lines. Water Hazards Identified by Yellow Stakes and Margins Defined by Yellow Lines. Out of Bounds (OB) Defined by the inside Edge of All Fence Posts, White Poles or Stakes or White Lines, Railroad Ties, Driving Range Net and Poles, Brick or Rock Like Posts, and Public Roads. OB White Lines supersede all other markings.

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Pecan

- #1 Out of Bounds Left and Right. Lateral Hazard Left of Ladies Tee, in Front of Tees, and Left of Fairway, and Behind Green.
- #2 OB Left, Right, and Behind Green. Concrete Flume Crossing Fairway, Free Relief, Nearest Point, No Closer to the Hole. Lateral Hazard Right Side. Water hazard in front of Gold Tee Box.
- #3 OB Left and Right defined by inside edge central fence spans. OB Line Painted on Cart Path Left and Behind Green. Relief from Path Only if Your Ball is in Play.
- #4 OB Left and Right, and Behind the Green.
- #5 OB Left, Right, and Behind Green.
- #6 OB Left and Right of Lake. Lateral Hazard Runs Right Side turns into Water Hazard when Crossing Lake and turns back into Lateral Hazard on Other Side of Cart Path, Left of Green. Caged Rocks of retaining wall are in the hazard. The caged rock retaining wall is an immovable obstruction. If your ball is not in the hazard you may take relief from the retaining wall per the Immovable Obstruction rule 24-2b.
- #7 OB Left, Right and Behind Green defined by golf course edge of street curb. Lateral Hazard Right Side and in Front of Green. Wooden fence is immovable obstruction.
- #8 OB Left. Inside Edge (Golf Course Side) of Net and Poles Define Out of Bounds. No Relief from the Net or Poles if your Ball is in Bounds. OB Right if Ball is hit Right of the Lateral Water Hazard. OB Right and Behind Green. Lateral Hazard Right of Fairway and in Front of Green. Guy Wires supporting the Driving Range Net are Immovable Obstructions; Rule 24-2. You may take relief if they interfere with your stance or swing, but intervention on the line of play is not, of itself, interference under this Rule. However, if your ball strikes the wire, the stroke shall be cancelled and replayed, without penalty. Wooden fence is immovable obstruction.
- #9 OB Left and Behind Green. Inside Edge of Net and Poles defines Out of Bounds. No Relief from the Net or Poles if your ball is in Bounds. Lateral Hazard Runs in Front of Tees and to the Right of the Hole. Water Hazard in Front of Green. Guy Wires: See Guy Wire Rule as stated on Hole #17.
- #10 OB Left, Right and Behind Green.
- #11 OB Left and Right. Lateral Hazard Left of Fairway 75 yards from Green.
- #12 OB Left to white post at lateral hazard approximately 150 yards from green. Lateral Hazard Left of Fairway and Behind Green. Concrete Flume Crossing Fairway is Free Relief, Nearest Point of Relief, No Closer to The Hole.
- #13 OB Right of Green.
- #14 OB Right. Lateral Hazard Left Side. Water Hazard Crosses Fairway. Lateral Hazard to Left of Green and Right Short of Green. Free Relief from Caged Rocks unless ball rests in the hazard. Restroom is an Immovable Obstruction. Lateral Hazard Behind Green.
- #15 OB Left Side to Water Hazard. Lateral Hazard Right Side Down to Water Hazard. Water Hazard in Front of Green. OB Behind and to the Right of Green.
- #16 OB Right of Green (Maintenance Area) and if a ball is on the other side of the Lateral Hazards left and behind green. Lateral Hazard Behind and to the Left of the Green.
- #17 OB Left of Fence Defining Maintenance Area. Concrete Flume Crossing Fairway is Free Relief, Nearest Point of Relief, No Closer to the Hole. OB Right if Ball is hit Right of the Lateral Water Hazard. OB Left after Creek and Right after Lake. Lateral Hazard Left of Maintenance Road. Play Maintenance Road as an Immovable Obstruction. Lateral Hazard Right of Fairway.
- #18 OB Left and Right along Entire Length of Hole. OB Behind Green.

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Oak

- #1 OB Left, Right, and Behind Green. Lateral Hazard in Front of Gold, Blue, and to the Left of White and Red Tees.
- #2 OB Left and Right and behind green. Water on Right is defined as a Lateral Hazard.
- #3 OB Left. Wall is OB. No Relief from the Wall if your Ball is in Play. Lateral Hazard right of hole from tee to corner short of Green. Lateral Hazard Left of Fairway and Right of Green. You may take free relief if your ball comes to rest in the concrete flume that crosses the fairway. If running water in the flume carries your ball into the lateral hazard on the far right side, proceed using Lateral Hazard Rule 26 (under penalty of one stroke). Flower Bed to the Left of Green is not Free Relief. You must Play your Stroke from the Flower Bed. No Relief from Fence that is Out of Bounds. Restroom behind green is an Immovable Obstruction.
- #4 OB Left.
- #5 OB Left. Lateral Hazard Right of Tee and Lateral Hazard crosses Fairway in Front of Tees.
- #6 OB Left Inside of Roadside Edge. No Relief from Rough Areas to the Left and Behind the Green.
- #7 Lateral Hazard Left Side of Hole and Behind the Green. No free relief from Fence inside Lateral Hazard Left if your ball is in the hazard.
- #8 OB Right Side after Hazard and Behind Green. Water Hazard in Front of Gold Tees and Red Tees. Ball Drop is available using Marked Area to Left of Ladies Tee under penalty of one stroke. Lateral Hazard Runs Left of Hole.
- #9 OB Left Marked by Stakes or Inside Edge of Fence. OB Right. Wooden Fence left and behind green is Immovable Obstruction, street defines OB.
- #10 OB Left and Right. Lateral Hazard Right of Fairway and in Front of Green. Lateral Hazard Right of Green and Behind the Green. Ball Drop behind Green by Bridge. Only used as an option if your ball is in the hazard, on the bridge or the other side of the bridge. Using the Ball Drop incurs a penalty of one stroke.
- #11 OB Right. Lateral Hazard in Front of Green and to the Left of the Hole. Ball Drop (under penalty of one stroke) using Marked Area on Tee before you cross Bridge for any balls going into Lateral Hazard. Safety Fence to Left of Green is Free Relief if it interferes with your Swing, Stance, or Intended Line of Play. If your ball is in the Hazard when taking relief from the fence you must drop in the Hazard.
- #12 Water Hazard in front of Gold Tees. Lateral Hazard Left, the Length of the Hole. Tall Grass Area to Right of Ladies Tee is Lateral Hazard, either play your ball or take relief using the Lateral Hazard Rules.
- #13 OB Right and Behind Green. Lateral Hazard Left of Fairway. Water Hazard when crossing over to the Green. Lateral Hazard Left of Green. Wooden Fence is Immovable Obstruction.
- #14 OB Right. Flower Bed to the Right of Fairway, Short of Green is not Free Relief. You must Play your Stroke from the Flower Bed. No Relief from Railroad Ties or Out of Bounds.
- #15 OB Left if Left of Lake. OB Right, Left after Lake, and Behind Green. Lateral Hazard Lake Left Side, Turns into Creek Left Side.
- #16 OB Left, Right of Fairway at 150 Yards and Behind Green. Lateral Hazard Left in Front of Tees and in Front of Green.
- #17 OB Left and Right. Lateral Hazard Left of Fairway. Concrete Flume Left is Immovable Obstruction.
- #18 OB Left, Right and Behind Green. Concrete drainage in front of Blue Tees and Right of White/Red Tees is an Immovable Obstruction.