

## **Pine Hills Men's Club**

### **Winter/Spring/Fall Local 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 your own fairway: A player may Lift, Clean, and Place their ball or roll their ball with a club. Ball cannot be moved closer to the hole.

2. In your own sand traps: A player may lift their ball, smooth and/or rake sand, and place 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 #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. The large rocks on the sides of the bunkers/berm are part of the "NO PLAY ZONE" and you are entitled to relief. [Video on taking Nearest Point of Complete Relief](#)

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. In areas where there is newly placed sod, should your ball come to rest in a seam of the newly placed sod, or in the seam of newly placed sod and existing grass, relief can be taken. Alert your playing partners that you are taking relief and then drop the ball in the nearest point of complete relief no closer to the hole. No penalty is incurred.

10. Due to construction on the course, if your ball comes to rest in a bunker or any area that is under construction, the ball will be played as “Ground under Repair”, you get free relief from an Abnormal Course Condition. On the front nine of the course where trees that have been removed along with roped off areas you have 3 options; **PLAY THE BALL AS IT LIES** or **SMOOTH AND PLACE** or **FROM THE SPOT OF THE BALL, TAKE FREE RELIEF OF 2 CLUB LENGTHS IN EITHER DIRECTION and PLACE THE BALL NO CLOSER TO THE HOLE**. The roped off area along the left side of the 10<sup>th</sup> hole 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 and PLACE THE BALL NO CLOSER TO THE HOLE**. In both above described instances the ball must be placed inside the roped off area, relief cannot be taken outside of the ropes.

11. The area between the edge of the rough on 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> fairways is currently “Ground Under Repair”, you get free relief from an Abnormal Course Condition.

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](#)