

Pine Hills Men's Club

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. 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.
4. 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.
5. Leaf Rule: If a player's ball is unable to be found **due to leaves** being in an area of the course that normally would not have leaves, the player has the following options: 1. the ball is considered lost and the player proceeds under the lost ball rule. 2. With a penalty of one stroke, the player determines as close as possible where the ball was lost and then drops the ball in the fairway within two club lengths from the edge of the rough. Note: to use option 2, excessive leaves must be the probable cause of the lost ball.
6. 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. Ball lies in what appears to be an abnormal course condition, the procedure is as follows: The player informs the other members of his group that he would like the committee to make a decision if the area the ball lies in is an abnormal course condition. The player takes pictures of the ball in the abnormal course condition to show the committee after the round so a determination can be made. The player will then play two balls. The player will play the original ball as it lies and then take appropriate relief with the second ball. Both balls need to be holed out. The Player will report both scores to the committee after the round and before submitting the official scorecard so a ruling can be made. This needs to be done even if the score for both balls is the same.