

WEST WOODS GOLF CLUB

COMMON RULES

There have been many changes to the rules of golf beginning Jan 2019.

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Boundary Fences, white stakes with black tops, parking lot, and golf course boundaries are considered OB (out of bounds) Use stroke and distance or Local Rule E-5

Penalty Areas are Marked with Red or Yellow (lines or stakes)

Provision Ball cannot be used if your ball lands in a Penalty Area

The committee urges you to hit a provisional (must be announced) or use the Local Rule E-5 (pace of play) when your ball is lost or out of bounds. Ball searches should only be 3 minutes.

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HOLE-BY-HOLE RULES OF GOLF

SLEEPING INDIAN COURSE

#1: A ball that lands on the driving range are playable, but a provisional ball or E-5 may be advisable. The pedestrian sidewalk behind the green is out of bounds.

#2: OB left and red penalty area along the right.

#3: OB left and two red penalty areas along the right. Behind the green is not a penalty area and if ball not found you must proceed under the lost ball

#4: Yellow penalty area in front of tee boxes. Two Water Hazards along the right Bushes along the left side are now marked as the Red Penalty Area. Red Penalty Area Behind the green

#5: Creek in front of tee box is yellow penalty area. OB both left and right sides of hole, as well as behind green.

#6: OB right and behind the green. Deep rough is usually present so be prepared for Lost Ball. The Pedestrian Sidewalk (past cart path) on the left side of green is OB.

#7: Creek in front of tee box and right of the bridge is a yellow penalty area. South side of the dirt road is marked out of bounds. OB on Right. Thick rough exists on this hole so be prepared to use Provisional or the Local E-5 rule. If you find your ball on the left side, it may be possible to proceed with the unplayable rule or attempt a recovery shot.

#8: Creek and lake in front of tee box is yellow penalty area. The pedestrian sidewalk is OB.

Penalty Areas along the right side.

#9: OB left. The Pedestrian sidewalk on the left is OB. Penalty Area on the right. Driving Range is playable but consider your options.

COTTONWOOD COURSE

#10. Lake should be played as red penalty area. OB right and behind green. If there is no OB line drawn on cart path, it is an imaginary line between the fences.

#11: OB left, and OB right is defined by stakes on the road. Thick rough in play on this hole left and right. Be prepared for to use Provisional or Local E-5 rule.

#12: OB right and red penalty area left. Thick rough in front of Tee Box

#13: OB left. Red Penalty Area right. The dirt road behind the green is OB. Play a provisional ball or Local Rule E-5 if you hit over the green.

#14: OB left the lakes are all red penalty areas, be sure to use correct red penalty area drop procedure.

#15: Lake on the right is a red penalty area. OB left. Thick rough exists on this hole down the left side and over the green. Be prepared to play provisional or Local Rule E-5

#16 OB left marked by stakes. Hit a provisional or use Local Rule E-5. The dirt road over this green is OB.

#17: OB left marked by stakes. OB right. Thick rough down the right side

#18: The lakes are all red penalty areas (Be sure to use correct red penalty area drop procedure). OB left and right.

SILO COURSE

#19: The lakes are all red penalty areas. The island between the lakes is inside the red penalty area, so all applicable rules come into play. The pedestrian sidewalk is OB.

#20: OB left and right. Thick rough exists on left and right on this hole. Be prepared for to use Provisional or Local E-5 rule.

#21: Creek in front of the tee box is a yellow penalty area. OB left and Lake is Red Penalty area Creek on right should be Red Penalty area. Thick rough exists on this hole be prepared for Provisional or Local E-5 rule.

#22: Creek in front of the tee box is a yellow penalty area. Lakes are in the Red Penalty Area.

#23: (“Silo” hole) Be aware of stake colors marking penalty areas off the tee box! Yellow, red, and white OB (to left) are all in play from the tee box. Be prepared for to use Provisional or Local E-5 rule **Thick rough exists on this hole left and right and are not environmentally sensitive areas.**

#24: (“Double ditch” hole) Creeks could be yellow or red penalty areas. Thick rough exists on this hole left of fairway and behind the green and are not penalty areas.

#25: Lake on the right and be sure where you crossed. **The drainage pipe in the grass ravine left of the fairway is considered an immovable obstruction. Bushes left of the green are Red Penalty Area. Behind the green is not a penalty area.** Be prepared for to use Provisional or Local E-5 rule.

#26: Left side is red penalty area. The creek from the bridge to the big tree is marked yellow penalty area. A shot right into #21 fairway may enter lake (red penalty area) on that hole.

Look for stakes to determine which margin your ball crossed if lost in any of the penalty areas. Fence to right past creek is OB.

#27: OB left and right

MLR E-5 DIAGRAM 2: BALL OUT OF BOUNDS

A Ball reference point
B Fairway reference point
Relief area

Out of bounds

When a player's ball is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may take stroke-and-distance relief, or when Model Local Rule E-5 is introduced, the player has the additional option to drop a ball in and play from the relief area described below for two penalty strokes:

Reference Point	Size of Relief Area	Limits on Relief Area
A. Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds (point A)	Anywhere between: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A line from the hole through the ball reference point (point A) (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line but still on the course), and• A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (point B) (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line)	The relief area: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point, and• Must be in the general area
B. Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played (point B) that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point		

Player Notes:
As the relief area is likely to be very large, the ball could roll a considerable distance from the spot where it first strikes the ground and not need to be dropped again.