

Local Rules 5/2011

RULES OF THE USGA SHALL PREVAIL WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

- 1. <u>Winter Rules</u> Only on your own fairway ball may be rolled, **but neither lifted nor cleaned**, within a radius of six (6) inches no closer to the hole. If in doubt whether ball is in fairway or rough, play the ball as it lies.
- 2. <u>Sand Traps</u> Ball may be lifted from foot prints and divot marks, sand smoothed and *ball dropped from standing position with hand down your side*. Ball buried in own pitch mark or "fried egg" must be played as is, even if occurring within a footprint. No relief is granted when your ball fails to get out of the sand and rolls back, resting in your own footprint or pitch mark.
- 3. Out of Bounds shall be defined as follows:
- (a) The fence and stone wall on #5. Therefore, near the green, the area left of the cart path is in play until you reach a stone wall;
- (b) The stone wall on #7 and #16;
- (c) The bridle path on #1, #2, and #18.

The following may be considered Ground Under Repair or Abnormal Ground Conditions with free lift, one (1) club length, no closer to the hole.

- 4. <u>Rocks</u> Ball coming to rest on, or touching rocks, may be entitled to relief. On #12, there is no relief from the one large rock perpendicular to the fairway approximately 170 yards from the green. Similarly, it would be unfair for a player to take relief when they are behind or alongside a tree or where a tree would otherwise interfere with their swing. Therefore, any ball that comes to rest within one club length (driver length club) of the base of a tree or bush or within the "tree line" will **NOT** be entitled to relief. There is also no special relief for being on a tree root.
- 5. <u>Cart Paths/Pavers</u> Ball coming to rest within three feet of the cart path, where the paver stones or any construction has altered the playing condition, may be considered ground under repair and granted relief.
- 6. <u>Prior Cart Paths</u> Ball coming to rest within the prior cart path areas may be considered GUR and granted relief. Examples of this condition are as follows:
- (a) The area in the right rough on #3 approximately 150 to 250 yards off the tee;

- (b) The areas on the left side of the fairway on hole #6;
- (c) The right side by and short of the green on hole #17.
- 7. <u>Ditches</u> Behind the green on #3 and on #11, left of the green from the cart path to the pond, may be considered GUR.
- 8. <u>Tire Tracks</u> A player is entitled to relief if his ball is in tire tracks that have been made by a cart or by maintenance vehicle of any kind.
- 9. <u>Piles of leaves, grass clippings, cut up or fallen off tree limbs or branches</u> that are on the course in play (but not in a hazard) that should have under normal circumstances been removed may be considered an Abnormal Ground Condition.
- 10. <u>Embedded ball through the green</u> shall be entitled to relief. A ball plugging in the soft ground conditions or landing in casual water, that cannot be found and is witnessed by another player, shall be granted relief
- 11. Hole #6 The entire area of the old green on #6 shall be considered GUR and entitled to relief. Relief may be taken in the DROP AREA, short and left of the green, approximately 40 yards out on the side of the hill. The Drop Area is meant to provide relief to the player, but not an advantage. Similarly, a player that identifies his ball on the "new" hill and is concerned about footing and injury may take relief in the drop area as described above.
- 12. Greens Once a ball is **on the green**, players **may** take relief from a ball at rest within the damaged areas or whose line of play would be through the damaged areas on holes #10, #15, and #18. If a player so chooses, relief may be taken off the surface of the green. If complete relief on the green is not possible, a player may take relief to a lesser damaged area. The player does not have to take relief and in no circumstance may a player take relief closer to the hole.

If any other areas of local rules examples (but not detailed above) are in question, play two balls until a ruling is determined.