

Play the course as marked and USGA Golf Rules shall prevail with the following exceptions:

OUT OF BOUNDS (shall be defined as follows):

- (a) The white stakes on left side of Holes #1, #2, #5 and #18;
- (b) Hole #5 - the road, residential property, fence and stone wall on the left side; a ball touching the fence and/or stone wall is considered OB.

FAIRWAYS

- (a) Only on your own fairway, a ball may be rolled, **but neither lifted nor cleaned**, within a radius of twelve (12) inches no closer to the hole;
- (b) If in doubt whether your ball is in fairway or rough, play the ball as it lies.

SAND TRAPS

- (a) Ball may be lifted from foot prints and divot marks, sand smoothed and re- dropped without penalty;
- (b) Stones/Gravel in a bunker are "movable obstructions";
- (c) Ball buried in own pitch mark or "fried egg" must be played as is, even if occurring within a footprint;
- (d) 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.

EMBEDDED BALL through the GREEN

- (a) A ball embedded in its own pitch mark "through the green" may be lifted, cleaned, and dropped; this includes fairways and rough, **but not hazards**.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR (GUR) OR ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS (AGC)

The following may be considered with a free lift of one (1) club length, no closer to the hole:

1. ROCKS, STONES and ROOTS

- (a) Rocks/Stones - a ball coming to rest on, or touching rocks/stones that are protruding through the grass in the fairway or rough maybe entitled to relief;
Exceptions: On Holes #4 and #12, there is no relief from the very large rocks on the right side through the green; similarly, any ball that comes to rest within one club length of the base of a tree or bush or within the "tree line" will NOT be entitled to relief from rocks;
- (b) Any exposed gravel/stones used for drainage purposes (but not in a hazard) maybe granted relief no closer to the hole;
- (c) There is no relief for a ball coming to rest on a tree root.

2. ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS (ESA)

- (a) ESA's are considered ground under repair and are entitled to relief without penalty (Hole 14); proceed under Rule 25-1b.

IMPORTANT NOTE- No one should feel obligated to take a swing at a ball on a tree root or by the above noted rocks on Holes #4 and #12 or in any other situation where they feel they may be at **RISK of HURTING** themselves or their clubs. Under the USGA rules, a ball can be declared unplayable at any time and relief granted with a one stroke penalty (match play).

3. CART PATH/ CURBING

- (a) Curbing/Belgian blocks are considered part of the cart path;
- (b) Ball coming to rest within prior cart path areas may be considered GUR and granted relief;
- (c) Hole #5 – area between the left of the cart path and fence may be considered GUR and granted relief.

4. DITCHES

- (a) Hole #3, a ball coming to rest in the ditch behind the green may be granted relief but no closer to hole.

5. ANY AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- (a) A player is entitled to relief if his ball comes to rest in tire tracks that have been made by a cart or by maintenance vehicle of any kind;
- (b) Piles of leaves, grass clippings, cut up or fallen tree limbs or branches in play (but not in a hazard) that should under normal circumstances have been removed may be considered an Abnormal Ground Condition.

6. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

- (a) A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only;
- (b) A player is in breach of Rule 14-3 if a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play.

If any other areas of local rule examples (but not detailed above) are in question in match play, make a claim and continue play.

ALL PLAYERS ARE REMINDED TO KEEP PACE WITH THE GROUP IN FRONT OF THEM, REPLACE DIVOTS, RAKE SAND TRAPS AFTER USE, AND REPAIR BALL MARKS ON GREEN.