

Local Rules 2017 Saxony Golfers Club

All words in *italics* are defined terms the definitions of which appear in the Rules of Golf.

1. If there is doubt as to whether a *ball in play* is in or lost in a *water hazard* (including a *lateral water hazard*), the player may play a ball provisionally under any of the applicable options in Rule 26-1.

If the original ball is found outside the *water hazard* the player must continue play with it.

If the original ball is found within the *water hazard*, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue to play the ball played provisionally.

If the original ball is not found within the five minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.

PENALTY for breach of this rule in match play is loss of hole and in stroke play two strokes

2. The area on the left side of the 14th hole between the *teeing ground* and the creek is *ground under repair* from which play is prohibited. If a *ball in play* lies in that area, or if the area interferes with the player's stance or his intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 25-1.

PENALTY for breach of this rule in match play is loss of hole and in stroke play two strokes

3. *Through the green*, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay and not nearer the *hole*.

Note: The position of the ball must be marked before it is lifted under this rule.

4. Stones in *bunkers* are *moveable obstructions*. Rule 24-1 applies.

5. The ditch behind the 3rd hole is an immovable *obstruction* from which relief may be taken under Rule 24-2.

6. Rocks protruding from the ground in a closely mown area are *abnormal ground conditions* from which relief may be taken under Rule 25-1. "Closely mown area" mean any area of the *course*, including paths, mown to fairway height or less. All other rocks are integral parts of the *course*.

7. For all play, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a *stipulated round*, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

PENALTY for breach of this rule in match play is loss of hole and in stroke play two strokes. For any subsequent offense, the penalty is disqualification.

8. Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced

8. Players are reminded of their responsibilities and obligations under the Rules of Golf Section 1; Etiquette; Behavior on the Course. The Committee will take appropriate disciplinary action against offending players for violations of those guidelines, including the Pace of Play guidelines. Such disciplinary action includes disqualification.
9. *Through the green*, seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are deemed to be *ground under repair*. However, interference with a player's stance is deemed not to be interference under Rule of Rule 25-1. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 25-1. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam.
10. On that portion of hole 5 from the beginning the boundary fence, the area to the left of the cart path and the cart path are integral parts of the *course* from which a competitor must play the *ball* as it lies, except as otherwise provided in the Rules.