



LOCAL RULES

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1. Out of Bounds

- i. Beyond any line of white stakes with black tops.
- ii. Beyond any fence bounding the course.
- iii. The Clubhouse areas as defined by white stakes with black tops.

2. Internal Out of Bounds (1st & 10th holes)

- i. Internal out of bounds applies to tee shots only.
- ii. For play from the 1st tee, any ball that comes to rest on the portion of the 18th fairway (closely mown area) located beyond the Bulimba Creek penalty area on the 18th tee side, is deemed out of bounds.
- iii. For play from the 10th tee, an internal out of bounds area is defined on the 1st and 11th holes. This area is bounded by an imaginary straight line that begins at the 11th tee sign and extends across the 1st fairway to the blue stake with a black top on the far side of the fairway at the Bulimba Creek penalty area margin. From that point, the boundary follows the margin of the penalty area to the cart path leading to the 11th tee marker. Any ball coming to rest within this defined area is out of bounds.

3. Out of Bounds or Lost Ball Relief

- i. When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed under Model Local Rule E-5 as an alternative to stroke and distance. For two penalty strokes, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in the relief area defined below.
- ii. Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have:
 - a. come to rest on the course, or
 - b. last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.
- iii. Fairway Reference point: The point of the fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.
- iv. The relief area is the area between these two reference points, extending two club-lengths to the outside of each point, and not nearer the hole.

4. Penalty Areas

- i. Red Penalty Areas are identified by red stakes, and where red lines are in existence, they define the margin. Where no line exists, the penalty area is defined by its natural margin.
- ii. If a player does not know whether their ball is in a penalty area, they may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3 using any of the penalty area relief options. The player must declare the provisional ball before playing it.
 - a. If the original ball is found outside the penalty area, the provisional ball must be abandoned.
 - b. If the original ball is not found or is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area, the provisional ball becomes the ball in play under penalty of one stroke.
- iii. This Local Rule applies to all penalty areas on the course.

5. Abnormal Course Conditions including Immovable Obstructions and GUR

Rule 16: Free relief is available when an abnormal course condition interferes with the lie, stance, or area of intended swing, but only when the ball lies in the General Area. Relief is not available for line of sight or direction of play unless otherwise stated in a specific Local Rule.

- i. Includes all areas bounded by solid or dotted white lines and /or white stakes.
- ii. All artificially surfaced cart paths and blue metal surfaced roadways.

- iii. All clearly defined wheel tracks and marks caused by course machinery, maintenance vehicles, or carts.
- iv. All staked trees and staked shrubs or trees and shrubs protected by a tree guard.
- v. All stakes (excluding Out of Bounds stakes), hoops, sprinkler heads, rock or boulder walls, rock or boulder bridges, tee signs, directional signage, ropes, course furniture (tee markers, tee signs, seats, bins, ball washers) and buildings or course structures (excluding Clubhouse).
- vi. Protective screens (excluding fences that define the boundary or the course).
- vii. All garden beds. Garden beds are areas clearly defined by brick, concrete, rock, timber borders or "Garden" signs. All areas surfaced with wood chips, pine bark, pine straw, mulch and other similar materials, that are not clearly defined as a Garden Bed, are Integral Parts of the Course, meaning there is no free relief, and they form part of the General Area (for example, the area to the right of the 10th Fairway is not a Garden Bed and forms part of the General Area).
- viii. Embedded rocks in the General Area.
- ix. Exposed tree roots in the General Area within 1 club-length of the closely-mown. Relief is available for lie and area of intended swing only.
- x. Sprinkler head and irrigation covers within 2 club lengths of the putting green and within 2 club lengths of the ball that intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole. The ball may be dropped at the nearest point that is no nearer the hole, avoids intervention and is not on the putting green.
- xi. The rehabilitation area on the left side of the Hole 5 (before the dam), identified by white stakes and wire fencing, is a No Play Zone (compulsory GUR). Relief must be taken.

6. Course Boundary Netting 9th & 18th greens

- i. The marked General Area side of all netting bounding the 9th and 18th greens is defined as a Red Penalty Area.
- ii. Players are prohibited from entering or playing a ball beyond the vertical line of all netting and relief must be taken in accordance with the options prescribed below.
- iii. Relief options are restricted to either (for one penalty stroke):
 - a. stroke and distance by playing a ball from where the previous stroke was made (Rule 17.1d (1)), or
 - b. nearest drop zone to where your ball last crossed the penalty area and dropping the ball within one club length of the drop zone sign no nearer the hole (Rule 14.3).

7. Maximum Score

- i. In Stroke Play, a players maximum score for a hole is 10 gross (Rule 21.2).
- ii. A player may choose to record the maximum score without completing the hole.
- iii. For Honour Board and Major events, refer to the events conditions of play.

8. Rules Issues

- i. A player who is uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole may complete the hole with two balls without penalty (Rule 20.1c (3)).
- ii. Before making a stroke, the player must announce which ball they wish to count, if the Rules permit that procedure.
- iii. The player must report the facts to the Committee before returning their scorecard, even if both balls score the same. Failure to do so results in disqualification.

These Local Rules are to be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf and the Pacific Golf Club Daily Playing Conditions. Players are reminded of standard course care requirements, including carrying and using sand buckets, and of their obligations under Rule 5.6 regarding pace of play.