



2021 LOCAL RULES

The Rules of Golf, as approved by the United States Golf Association (USGA) and as modified in this "Hard Card" by the AMGC, govern play. Complete text of Rules may be found in the Rules of Golf effective January 2020. See the Notice to Players and Terms of Competition for additional Local Rules and Conditions.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is the *General Penalty*:

Match Play - Loss of Hole Stroke Play - Two Strokes

1. OUT OF BOUNDS – (Rule 2)

Defined by the course-side edges at ground level of boundary walls, perimeter fence posts, public-use roads, white stakes and white connecting lines. A ball that comes to rest beyond the boundary of the hole being played is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course. **INTERNAL OUT OF BOUNDS**: The internal out of bounds between the 3rd and 4th holes applies to hole #3 only and is defined by the right side of the penalty area and the white stakes that are tied into the penalty area. The OB stakes are to be treated as immovable obstructions (Rule 16) during the play of hole #4.

2. BALL LOST OR HIT OUT OF BOUNDS – Model Local Rule E-5 as prescribed in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf is in effect.

3. DROPPING ZONE (RELIEF AREA) (Rule 14,16 & 17)

On hole 18: If a ball is **on the cart path** between the 2 blue stakes, the player may:

- Take free relief under Rule 16.1, or
- As an extra option, take free relief by dropping a ball in the dropping zone.

On hole 18: If a ball **enters the penalty area** between the two blue stakes including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:

- Take relief under Rule 17.1, or
- As an extra option, drop a ball in the dropping zone.

4. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)

Aeration Holes – Relief is for lie of ball only (not stance or swing)

Ground Under Repair - Are areas enclosed by white lines.

Seams of Cut Turf – In the General Area (and on the Putting Green), relief is for lie of ball or area of intended swing only (not stance).

Non-Grass Areas (i.e. Desert Areas) – relief is for lie of ball or area of intended swing only (not stance).

- Play the ball as it lies in all non-grass areas unless otherwise marked or stated below (including soft mushy earth with no water visible)
- Erosion areas or cracks caused by either hot dry conditions or by excessive water

Prepared Rock - Areas of rock closely arranged for a functional purpose (e.g., drainage or erosion control) are obstructions.

Adjacent Obstructions - Obstructions adjacent to another obstruction are part of that same obstruction.

White-Lined Areas Tied into Obstructions - Share the same status as the obstruction.

Memorial Rock - to the left of #18 green is an obstruction.

5. PENALTY AREAS – All Penalty Areas on the course are defined by red stakes and/or lines.

6. OBSTRUCTIONS NEAR PUTTING GREENS – (Sprinkler Heads, etc.)

The player may take free relief in the same General Area under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play, and is:

- Within two club-lengths of the putting green, **and**
- Within two club-lengths of the ball.

Exception – **No relief when clearly unreasonable to play ball.** Rule 16.1a(3)

7. NO PLAY ZONE (Rule 2.4) – Young trees identified by stakes are no play zones. If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f.

8. STANDARDS OF PLAYER CONDUCT POLICY Rule 1.2

All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:

1. Acting with integrity – for example, by following the Rules, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.
2. Showing consideration to others – for example, by playing at a prompt pace not to exceed 3:55 for 18 holes, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of another player.
3. Taking good care of the course – for example, by replacing divots with appropriate sand/seed mix, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.

→ If a player is found to be in breach of this policy, a warning and/or penalty of 1 or 2 strokes (or loss of hole in match play) may be applied. A serious breach could result in disqualification.

9. PAYOUTS - Unless otherwise announced, for any competition, payouts will be 1st gross, then 1st net, then 2nd gross, then 2nd net...etc. with the gross prize being considered the more prestigious prize.

10. WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL - The competition is final when all scores have been approved by the Committee. The result of a match is final when the Committee has approved the result.

11. THE COMMITTEE - The Committee for each event will be comprised of Matt Denesha, Head Golf Professional, and anyone else he identifies at his sole discretion.