



Local Rules and Course Marking Changes 2018

Notice to Players

Obstructions – Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions. Rule 24-1 applies. All cart paths (both paved and dirt/stone) and their borders are immovable obstructions. Areas of bare or damaged turf immediately adjacent to the cart path are deemed to be part of the cart path. On **Hole 3**, any tee shot that does not cross the line of the cart path over the bridge may be played from the optional drop zone identified and located in front of the women's tee. A player has the right to play a ball from the hazard area to the right or left of the bridge if the ball can be found, or the player may choose to utilize the optional drop zone with the appropriate penalty stroke. Rule 24-2 applies. The paved area beyond **Hole 9** putting green (clubhouse area) is a single immovable obstruction. An optional Drop Zone is provided for relief under Rule 24-2. The cart path on **Hole 12** is a single immovable obstruction, and the French drain and parts of the hill to the left of the cart path have been marked as ground under repair. A local rule has been established to eliminate the need to conduct a "two-step" drop onto the cart path *if* the player's nearest point of relief is the cart path. A player must establish the proper nearest point of relief as the nearest point of relief *may* up the hill. If the nearest point of relief is the cart path, the player may eliminate the need to drop on the cart path and proceed to drop at the nearest point of relief adjacent to the cart path on the fairway side of the cart path. Rule 24-2 applies.

Ground Under Repair – Defined by white lines. Rule 25-1 applies. Flower beds and plantings that are obviously ornamental in nature are ground under repair even if not so marked, relief under Rule 25-1 is Mandatory for flower beds and ornamental plantings. Penalty for breach – 2 strokes. See above for local rule for ground under repair relief for left side of Hole #12.

Embedded Ball Rule – Anywhere through the green and not in a hazard. A ball which is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground, except loose sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay, but no nearer the hole. Rule 20 applies.

Ball Movement - 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 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.

Water Hazards – Yellow stakes and/or lines identify the hazard. Water hazards are located on **holes 5 & 14**. On **hole 18** the water in front of the tee and down the left side of the fairway, *from the gold or blue tee box*, is considered a water hazard on the tee shot. *Players are strongly encouraged to play a provisional ball under the provisions of Rule 27-2 if there is even the slightest chance that the original ball may be lost in the hazard from the gold or blue tee box.* For a shot from the red tee box, or a second or subsequent shot from the fairway, the water on the left-hand side is considered a lateral water hazard.

Lateral Water Hazards – Red stakes and/or lines define the hazard. Lateral hazards are located on Holes **1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17 & 18**. Rule 26-1 applies.

Out of Bounds – Defined by reference to white stakes and/or lines. The out of bounds line is determined by the nearest inside points of the stakes at ground level, or the white line if applicable. All public highways are out of bounds including on #9 entrance road on the left. Out of bounds are found on Holes **1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15 & 16**. Mandatory stroke and distance penalty under Rule 27-1. *Players are strongly encouraged to play a provisional ball under the provisions of Rule 27-2 if there is even the slightest chance that the original ball may be out of bounds or lost outside of a water hazard.*

Course Marking Changes for 2018 – Details are provided above. For your convenience, we have summarized some of the changes made this year based on a course boundary review and course maintenance considerations:

- #2 – Drainage ditch area on right side has been marked as out-of-bounds.
- #4 – Left of cart path from first pond to just past second pond is now out-of-bounds.
- #5 – Out-of-bounds lines around green area have been moved.
- #9 – Right side of fairway, just inside of tree line, has been marked as out-of-bounds.
- #15 – Left side out-of-bounds has been moved toward fairway to reflect area of play and changes in course maintenance.
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