

## LHLGXVIII LOCAL RULES

1. LOCAL RULE - IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS - This rule provides relief, without penalty, from interference by an immovable obstruction. If a ball lies through the green and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that

- a) is not nearer the hole,
- b) avoids intervention, and
- c) is not in a hazard.

The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

EXCEPTION: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the immovable obstruction makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

ROCK WALLS: All interior rock or brick retaining walls are deemed to be immovable obstructions (abnormal course conditions (Rule 16-1)). Nearest point of relief and one club length. NO PENALTY. However, there is no free relief or preferred lie relief from any perimeter wall or fence. These are boundary objects from which free relief is not allowed.

2. LOCAL RULE - OUT OF BOUNDS/LOST BALL/STROKE & DISTANCE - When a player's ball has not been found and is virtually certain to be out of bounds or lost, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance (going back to previous shot). If the player elects to play a provisional ball the following local rule cannot be used.

For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping a ball at the nearest edge of the fairway, which includes two club lengths into the fairway. This relief area must not be closer to the hole than the estimated area of the lost ball or the area the ball crossed the boundary edge of the course.

3. LOCAL RULE - FENCES DEFINING ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS (E.S.A.) - Take free relief if your ball lies in the general area and lies close enough to the E.S.A. fences as to interfere with your stance and swing. These areas are usually defined by red stakes or fences defining ESA. Relief is stance and one club length. However, if the ball is within the E.S.A., you

have the option of taking relief of two club lengths, no nearer the hole for penalty of one stroke. **No entrance is permitted in any E.S.A.**

4. WINTER/SUMMER RULES - The tournament committee may decide, any time, if winter/or summer rules will apply on our playdays based on playing conditions..
5. PREFERRED LIES – You may take relief from a playable lie, but not from a lie that you would deem unplayable, i.e., among tree roots or caught a bush. You may mark, lift and clean your ball and place it within 6 inches of the original spot staying in the same cut and no nearer the hole.
6. DROP AREAS
  - a) Hills course #5 (runs along Del Webb Blvd) par three. - Free relief from rocky drainage areas of rock on the LEFT and RIGHT sides of the fairway. These are considered “immovable obstructions” and are played as follows: the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. When the ball is dropped, it must first strike a part of the course at a spot that avoids interference by the immovable obstruction and is not in a hazard or on a putting green.
  - b) Orchard course #3 (platform for tee shot) par four - Choice of re-tee or going to forward drop area for tee shots that have been hit into E.S.A.
  - c) Orchard course #6 (tee box is near Kilaga) par four - The hazard stakes on this hole change from red to yellow at the end of the lower fairway. If your ball crosses the yellow stakes area and goes into the E.S.A., you may elect to go forward to the drop area by the green. You may not go forward to the drop area if your ball crosses to the side (laterally) into the red stakes area.
  - d) Orchard course #7 (green is by St. Joseph’s Church) par three - Choice of re-tee or going forward to drop area for tee shots landing in E.S.A.
  - e) Orchard course #14 (red tee is past the long wooden bridge) par four - Choice of lateral water hazard options or going forward to drop area on the other side of the creek.
7. TEMPORARY RULES AND IN PLACE UNTIL COURSE AND PLAYING CONDITIONS IMPROVE.
  - a) Dallis Grass Relief – If Dallis Grass, within the GENERAL AREA, interferes with a player’s ball or swing, the player (with approval from other player(s) in the group) may take relief by finding the nearest point no nearer to the hole Where there is grass. NO PENALTY.

- NOTE: GENERAL AREA is the new definition for Through the Green. The General Area is the area of the course that covers all the course except for the teeing ground you are playing from, all the penalty areas, all bunkers and the putting green of the hole you are playing.
- b) Bunker Relief – The ball is to be played as it lies in all bunkers. There is no relief available.
  - c) Orchard #14 – There is a small creek (considered penalty area) on the tee side of the fairway. There is an adjacent “Bog” area just past the penalty area (this is in the middle of fairway, green side of the hazard that crosses the fairway – The area past the bullrush plants (or high willows) at the far end of the creek should be considered Ground Under Repair and if it is agreed that the ball did cross the penalty area but not the Ground Under Repair area, the player gets free relief from the drop area on the green side even if the ball is not found.
  - c) Relief for a ball resting against a rake in the bunker. The rules of golf, Rule 18.1a or Rule 19, assess a penalty stroke if the ball will not come to rest at its original spot in the bunker when the rake is moved. Our Local Rules are amended as follows: If a player’s ball comes to rest against a rake in the bunker and the ball moves when the rake is removed, and when the player places the ball it will not come to rest in its original position, the player gets free relief in the bunker, no nearer the hole as close to the original location of the ball as possible.

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