



Local Rules and Conditions of Competition

The Rules of the Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable tournament entry form and Notice to Players for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of rules may be found in the current Official Guide to the Rules of Golf. Unless otherwise indicated, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Match Play -Loss of Hole. Stroke Play -Two Strokes

OUT OF BOUNDS – Is defined by inside points of white stakes or fence posts at ground level. When out of bounds is defined by a white line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds. Holes: **4, 5, 6 & 7** by the boundary fence posts and lines. Holes **13, 15** by the boundary fence posts. For hole **#10** by the boundary fence posts left of the tee, then white stakes to the inside edge of the sidewalk then to the white line behind the green. Hole **#9** by white stakes left side and white lines behind green. Note: The practice putting greens are in play.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR. Defined by white lines.
Relief from Seams of Cut Turf – Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE – Include liners in penalty areas (e.g. the black plastic on the pond bottoms), unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Players.

AERATION HOLES

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole: a) Ball In General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule. b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. **BUT** interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.

OBSTRUCTIONS –White lined area tying into artificially surfaced roads and paths are deemed to have the same status of those roads and paths, that of obstructions. Stakes and/or rope attached to trees, when interfering with the lie of the ball, stance and /or area of intended swing, are to be treated as immovable obstructions-
Model Local Rule F – 5.1 is in effect.

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE -If you are in doubt as to how to proceed or your rights, you may play a Second Ball under Rule 20.1c (3)

- You **must** decide to play two balls after the uncertain situation arises and before making a stroke.
- You should choose which ball will count if the Rules allow the procedure used for that ball, by announcing that choice to your marker or to another player before making a stroke.
- If you do not choose in time, the ball played first is treated as the ball chosen by default.
- You **must** also report to the committee (before turning in your scorecard) that you played a Second Ball, regardless of the score from each ball. Failure to do so is Disqualification.

PACE OF PLAY –Riverbend Ladies Golf Association pace of play guidelines are in effect for all competitions.

SCORECARD Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION

If the committee declares an immediate suspension of play, all players **must** stop play at once and must not make another stroke until the Committee resumes play. Rule 5.7b(1)

If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, she is disqualified.

Rule 5.7b Exception – No penalty if Committee decides that failure to stop was justified.

All practice areas are closed during the suspension of play due to the dangerous situation, **except** the driving range, until the Committee has declared them open. A player using such practice areas will be subject to a penalty of disqualification.

Note: A suspension of play due to a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn blast. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three short air horn blasts, repeated. For all other types of suspensions proceed as prescribed in Rule 5.7b(2). Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn blasts, repeated.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION -The competition is deemed to be closed when all scores have been posted and the Committee has approved the results.

COMMITTEE: Disputes, claims or matters submitted to the Committee are to be resolved by the Committee. Committee decisions are final.

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