

FWGA Rules of Play – 10/1/22
USGA RULES GOVERN ALL PLAY UNLESS MODIFIED BY
THE FOLLOWING LOCAL RULES

Ball Played from Outside Relief Area When Taking Back-On-Line Relief- Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

Replacement of Broken or Significantly Damaged Club- Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

Out of Bounds- Rule 18. Defined by nearest inside points at ground level of white stakes, right #1, and left of pond #18 (Stakes right on #9 are not O.B. they apply to #18 only).

Penalty Areas: Rule 17. All Penalty Areas will be played as *lateral penalty areas* and are defined by red stakes or red lines (occasionally), a perimeter line of high grass/bush/trees (**high vegetation**), or the **black wire fencing** installed to prevent hog intrusion. A ball touching or beyond the red line, stake line (if there is no red paint), **high vegetation** line, or **black wire fencing** is in the penalty area. A ball beyond the black wire fencing may not be played as it lies. **Hole # 2 and #3** have no stakes along right side and the **high vegetation** line defines the penalty area. **Hole #10** has high vegetation line all along left side. Some areas along the **black wire fencing** are behind a **high vegetation** line and therefore the fence is inside the penalty area and there is no free relief. Relief is in accordance with **Rule 17.1d(1-3)**. With a one stroke penalty, you have three drop options: **stroke-and-distance relief**, **back-on-the-line relief**, or **lateral relief**.

Abnormal Course Condition- Immovable Obstructions: Rule 16.1. The **black wire fence** specifically installed to prevent hog intrusion is an immovable obstruction. Free relief is allowed if there is interference with stance or swing and ball is not touching or beyond the hog fence (ball is not in the penalty area). Drop w/in 1 club length of the *nearest point of complete relief (reference point)*. **Note exceptions to 16.1.** Also, the landscaping around electrical transfer boxes (metal boxes) is not a part of the *immovable obstruction*. Benches are treated as immovable obstructions. Free relief.

Abnormal Course Condition- Dangerous Animal Condition: Fire Ant mounds are considered a dangerous animal condition and relief may be taken under **Rule 16.2 with exceptions**. Free relief.

Sprinkler heads near green: Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect for a ball in the General Area. The player may take free relief under **Rule 16.1b** if an **immovable obstruction** is on the line of play and within two club-lengths of the putting green, and within two club-lengths of the ball. Exception- No relief if line of play is clearly unreasonable.

Abnormal Ground Condition/Ground Under Repair: Free relief under **Rule 16** from areas encircled by white painted lines. White lined areas of ground under repair tying into immovable obstructions are treated as the same obstruction.

Sod Seams/New Sod: Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect. Free relief. If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or newly planted sod. Free Relief may be taken.

a) Ball in General Area: The player may drop a ball under Rule 16.1b (Relief for ball in General Area)

b) Ball on Putting Green: The player may place a ball under Rule 16.1d (Relief for ball on Putting Green)

c) Ball in bunker inside ground under repair. The player may drop a ball outside bunker under Rule 16.1b. (Relief for ball in General Area)

Loose Impediments: Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments. **Rule 15.**

Preferred Lies: *Should extreme adverse conditions warrant*, preferred lies will be announced prior to start of play. In your own fairway you may mark, lift, clean and replace your ball within 1 club length no closer to the hole.