

Three Rivers Golf Members

Local Club Rules



1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

- a) Beyond any boundary fence, hedge and beyond any line of white stakes on the left of 3rd, left of 5th, left of and behind the 9th, right of and behind 18th green.
- b) **Internal Out of Bounds** : During play of the hole shown this is defined by;
- 6th hole Beyond white stakes on the right until yellow staked ditch and then beyond the ditch (Red Penalty Area) to the right of the fairway i.e anywhere on the 7th.
 - 8th hole in and beyond the ditch behind the 8th green.
 - 13th hole Beyond the white stakes to the right hand side of the hole – gravel path is OOB.
 - 14th hole Beyond the line of white stakes on the far left of the hole over the hill. These apply only to play of the 14th hole.
 - 18th hole Beyond the ditch /gravel filled ditch to the left hand side of the hole.

These stakes (with the exception of the white/black on the 6th, 8th, and 18th) are treated as boundary objects. For all other holes they are obstructions.

White stakes with black tops have been placed for visibility. They do not define the margin. These stakes are deemed to be Immovable obstructions during the play of any holeY

Note iii) Where out of bounds is defined by a fence or line of white stakes, the line joining the course-side points at ground level of such stakes or any inside fence posts (excluding angled supports) define the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies beyond such a line

Note iv) Objects defining out of bounds are not obstructions and are deemed to be boundary objects; therefore there is NO RELIEF without penalty. See exception note a) above.

2. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

Penalty Areas are marked by yellow stakes (Yellow Penalty Areas) or red stakes (Red Penalty Areas). When both stakes and lines are used the stakes identify the Penalty Area and the line defines the margin.

Where such penalty areas are marked just by yellow or red stakes they are deemed to indicate the Penalty Area not to define the margin. The margin is defined by the break of the ground into the pond or ditch. All retaining artificial walls and pilings surrounding a pond/ditch are deemed to be within its margins.

If a pond/ditch (Penalty Area) has not been marked by the committee it is deemed to be a red Penalty Area.

- a) **Dropping Zones - 15th hole** : As an extra relief option for the penalty area behind the 15th Green, adding **one penalty stroke**, a player may drop a ball within one club length of the nearest dropping zone sign to where the ball lies. This may be nearer the hole than the sign. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3. See Model local Rule E-1.1 for full procedure.

- b) **Penalty Areas (Ditches) on the right of 6th hole and left of 18th hole (Opposite Side relief next to internal boundaries)** : When a ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty areas shown above, where the edge of the red penalty area and an internal boundary of the course coincide, opposite side relief is available under Model Local Rule B-2.1

Note i) A ball is in a Penalty Area when it lies on or touches the ground or anything else (such as a natural or artificial object) inside the edge of the Penalty Area.

Note ii) Relief without penalty is not available for Immovable Obstructions or other Abnormal Course Conditions when the ball lies in a Penalty Area.

3. Abnormal Course Conditions (Rule 16).

This includes Immovable Obstructions and Ground under Repair.

- a) **Immoveable Obstructions**: Includes all artificially surfaced pathways including those covered with woodchip. Ditches and channels which have been filled with gravel. Fences and protective netting which do not define the boundary of the course.
- b) **Unhealed Drainage Channels, Cuts or Ruts**: Such areas are deemed to be Ground under Repair from which relief may be taken under Rule 16.1. These include drainage works which have reopened, been sanded filled or contain gravel/stones.
- c) **Ground under Repair**: This will be marked with white/blue line and/or hoops and /or signs. A player may take relief from these areas unless it has been marked as a “No Play Zone” when relief **MUST** be taken under rule 16.1.
- d) **Footpath Protective netting additional relief option (13th hole)** : As an extra relief option for the protective netting on the right hand side of hole, a player may drop a ball in the dropping zone which is situated to the left of the netting. A player would get relief under rule 16.1. There is no relief for line of play. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
- e) **Protection of Young Trees : NO PLAY ZONE**
The young trees identified by stakes and /or wrapping are “No Play Zones”. If a player’s ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a Penalty Area and it lies in or touches such a tree or the tree interferes with the player’s stance or area of intended swing the player **MUST** take relief under Rule 16.1f.
If the ball lies in a Penalty Area and interference to the player’s stance or area of intended swing exists for such a tree, the player **MUST** take relief either with penalty under 17.1e or with free relief under Rule 17-1e (2).

Unless otherwise determined by a Rule of Golf a Breach of Local Rules incurs a General Penalty - Stroke play ..2 Strokes Matchplay.. Loss of Hole

These local rules should be read in conjunction with any temporary local rules or winter rules which may be applicable.