

# Local Rules...Effective January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## **150 yard Bushes and Decorative Plantings**

Both the Holly and Magnolia golf courses have bushes on the right and left side of each fairway that identify the yardage to the center of the green as well as decorative plantings around some tee and green areas. These bushes and plantings are considered integral parts of the course, therefore, no relief is granted. Proceed under Rule 28

## **Environmentally Sensitive Areas**

Environmentally Sensitive areas are deemed to be Water or Lateral Water Hazards, and are identified by yellow or red stakes, as well as a big sign defining that it is an Environmentally Sensitive Area. The Environmentally Sensitive area includes the entire hazard.

These areas can be found on the following holes on the Holly Golf Course...Number 1, Number 7, Number 8, Number 9, Number 13 [in front of the green] and Number 16. Entry and Play from these areas is prohibited...Proceed under Rule 26

## **Out of Bounds**

Out of Bounds is defined as the Fence around the perimeter of the property, and comes into play on holes Four and Five of the Holly Golf Course, all Gray Stakes with a White Top, as well as the inside edge of all public Asphalt Roads, and beyond, bordering the respective hole. Please note that when out of bounds is defined by reference to stakes or a fence, the out of bounds line is determined by the nearest inside points of the stakes or fence posts at ground level...Proceed under Rule 27-1

## **Ground Under Repair**

Defined by White Lines...Proceed under Rule 25

## **Hazards**

Water Hazards are defined by Yellow Lines

Lateral Water Hazards are defined by Red Lines...Proceed under Rule 26

## **Staked Trees**

Protection of trees identified by support stakes - If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or the area of the intended swing, the ball must be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b

## **Aeration Holes**

On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation...See App. I

## **Seams of Cut Turf**

*“Through the Green*, seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are deemed to be *ground under repair*.

However, interference by a seam with the player's *stance* is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under Rule 25-1. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 25-1. All seams within the cut turf are to be considered the same seam.

## **Embedded Ball**

Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

**Exceptions...**A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown or a player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

## **Sandy Waste Areas**

Identified by a Green Stake [hole #'s 6 and 9 – Magnolia Course] [hole #'s 2, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 – Holly Course] are to be considered “through the green”, and are not Hazards.

### **Cart Paths**

All paved cart paths, as well as associated concrete and/or wooden cart path curbing, are obstructions. Hard-packed sand or clay paths are not obstructions, and the ball must be played where it lies...Proceed under Rule 24

### **Stones in Bunkers**

Stones in bunkers are Movable Obstructions...Proceed under Rule 24-1

### **Greenside Fans**

Fans located adjacent to greens are considered Temporary Immovable Obstructions...See App.

### **Wooden Ties**

The waterside edge of the boards at the Sixteenth Hole of the Holly Course green, define the margin of the water hazard. The greenside “edge of the boards” is considered an integral part of the course, therefore relief is not granted...Please see Rule 28

### **Sprinkler Heads**

Sprinkler heads located adjacent to greens that are in a closely mown area and interfere with a player's intended line of play are considered immovable obstructions. Relief may be taken as specified in App. I A; 5 d. Please see Rule 24-2

### **Distance-Measuring Devices**

For all play at this course, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

### **Ball Played Provisionally**

If there is doubt whether a ball is in or is *lost* in the *water hazard* or *lateral water hazard*, the player may play another ball provisionally under any of the applicable options in Rule 26-1.

If the original ball is found outside the *water hazard*, the player must continue play with it. If the original ball is found in the *water hazard*, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue with the ball played provisionally under Rule 26-1.

If the original ball is not found or identified within the five-minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.

### **Ball Accidentally Moved on the Putting Green**

“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 Local 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.”

**The aforementioned Local Rules replace any previously published Local Rules, and will remain in effect until further notice.**

### **“Preferred Lies” and “Winter Rules”**

A ball lying on any closely mown area through the green may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within one club-length and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green. If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in another manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke. (Appendix I, Part A, 4c)

**This rule will remain in effect through March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**