



# Local Rules

Play is governed by the **USGA Rules of Golf** and by the following **Local Rules**:

- Abnormal Course Conditions include the following:
  - French drains (trenches filled with gravel or stones).
  - New sod seams. Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
  - Any mulch flower bed.
  - Any rock flower bed.
- Fans around putting greens are temporary immovable obstructions. Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.
- Model local rule E-5 is in effect for an Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bound
- Yardage markers are measured to the center of the green.
  - Dorchester - Posts indicate 100 yards and Birdhouses indicate 150 yards to the center of the green.  
*Birdhouses are immovable obstructions.*
  - Druid Hills – Posts indicate 100 and 150 yards to the center of the green.
  - Heatherhurst - Cart path markings indicate 100 and 150 yards to the center of the green.
  - Stonehenge – Vertical Stones indicate 150 yards to the center of the green.  
*Vertical Stones are temporary immovable obstructions.* Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.
- Damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by deer hoofs is ground under repair from which free relief is allowed under rule 16.1 [but on the putting green, Rule 16.1 does not apply as such damage may be repaired under Rule 13.1]
- The Stacked Stone Wall to the right of the green on Stonehenge #14 is an integral object.
- The rock path to the right of the fairway on Stonehenge #6 is an immovable obstruction.
- Wild Flower Areas (defined by green posts) are No Play Zones from which play is prohibited. If a player's ball lies in the area, or if it interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f

## **Golf Holes Separated By Roads**

- Roads are marked as out-of-bounds for the hole being played. *A ball that crosses a road and comes to rest in bounds on another hole other than the hole being played is deemed to be out-of-bounds.*

## **Relief Areas**

- There is an **additional relief option** for a ball in the Penalty Area in the form of a ball drop on **Dorchester #13, Stonehenge #14 only**. All other "Drop Area" signs are for specific leagues only. **Ball must be dropped in compliance of rule 14.3** before it is in play. Dropped at knee height and must land in the relief area and stay in the relief area.

# Men's 18-Hole League: Unique Rules

Except as indicated or clarified below, league play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf as modified by the Community Club's Local Rules which are attached hereto. The exceptions to those rules which are in effect for all league play include the following:

- Lift, Clean and Place:** If prior to the round it is announced that 'A' Division will be playing lift, clean and place, a ball lying in any closely-mown area (i.e., in the fairway or green surround) of the hole being played may be lifted, cleaned, and replaced within one standard grip length no nearer the hole. On rare occasions, it may be announced that lift, clean and place relief is to be granted in any mowed area (including the rough) that is not in a penalty area. In such case, the ball may not be moved from the rough to the fairway or from the collar of the green onto the green.  
  
NOTE: 'B' Division always plays preferred lies, able to roll the ball within one standard grip length, no nearer the hole except in bunkers or penalty areas.
- French Drains:** The description of French drains (in the Club's Local Rules) is further clarified to include only those where gravel or stones are visible at the surface level.
- Dorchester #13; No Play Zone:** The steep hillside between tee and green on Dorchester #13 is a No Play Zone from which play is prohibited. When taking mandatory relief under *Rule 16.1f* for a ball in or thought to be in the No Play Zone, the following specific guidance applies: The relief shot, *without penalty*, is played (not re-teeed) from the forward most teeing area. This shot may be played provisionally if the player is unsure if the previous shot cleared the No Play Zone. If the original ball is found outside the No Play Zone, the original ball continues as the ball in play. If the original ball is not found or identified within the three-minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.
- Penalty Areas; Ball Played Provisionally Under Rule 18.3:** If there is doubt whether a ball is in or is lost in a penalty area, the player may play another ball provisionally under any of the applicable options prescribed in *Rule 17.1d*. If the original ball is found outside the penalty area, the player must continue play with it. If the original ball is found in the penalty area, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue with the ball played provisionally. If the original ball is not found or identified within the three-minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.
- Maximum Number of Strokes Per Hole:** In the interest of pace of play and as allowed under *Rule 21.2*, during stroke play competition weeks (not match play), there is a maximum allowable score on any hole. Players must pick-up and may not continue play beyond that number. The maximum number of fixed strokes for each division is:

'A' Division: 8 Strokes

'B' Division: 9 Strokes

## **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LEAGUE RULE:**

Match Play – Loss of hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes

Any rules issues or disputes will be adjudicated by a Rules Committee composed of the League President and Division Vice President after consultation with the local club professional and/or known rules experts.