

9-HOLE LEAGUE RULES

We play in accordance with the USGA rules as of January, 2019.

1. Summer Rules will be in effect at all times (play the ball as it lies) unless course conditions warrant otherwise.
2. If the course is heavily saturated, no matter the time of the year, players may lift, clean, and place the ball within one club-length of original lie, but no closer to the hole and **ONLY ON THE FAIRWAY!**
3. **FREE DROP OR PLACE:** A player may drop within one club length from an established point, no closer to the hole, without penalty under these conditions:
 - A. **Immoveable Obstructions:** Concrete cart paths, fairway yardage markers, irrigation boxes/heads, storm drains, power poles, cart direction stakes or ropes, dirt areas adjacent to/extension of cart paths, and decorative logos (VS) behind holes 9 and 18. Touching or landing on the bulkhead will be treated as immovable object.
 - B. **Ground Under Repair:** designated GUR areas, active fire ant mounds, newly sodded areas, flower beds behind holes 9 and 18, and any unusual damage caused by maintenance vehicles, golf carts, etc.
4. **Out of Bounds:** Identified by white stakes. A ball is defined as out of bounds when the ENTIRE ball (at ground level) lies outside the golf course edge of the OB stakes as described below. If your ball lies OB, take **1 PENALTY STROKE. go back to where you hit the ball from.** and hit again. If you think your ball is lost, you can announce and hit a provisional, but if you find the original ball, you must play it. **And new this year, take your ball to the nearest edge of the fairway for a TWO STROKE PENALTY and hit from there.**

There are white stakes on either the right or left hand sides of every hole. It is your responsibility to follow your ball to know if it went out of bounds and you need to either re-hit another ball or wait until you find your ball and use the new option.
5. If you are on the green and your ball strikes a ball on the green, the ball on the green must be returned to its original position **WITHOUT PENALTY.**

6. You do not have to announce a change of ball; however, you may NOT CHANGE THE BALL while on the fairway or at the edge of a hazard. Change balls ONLY at the tee box.

? ALL PLAYERS will play from the light-blue tees unless approved to play from the lime-green tees.

8. If your ball lands in a shell area, you must play the ball from that location **or** declare the ball unplayable and take relief with a **1-STROKE PENALTY**.

9. Lateral Water Hazards: Identified by red stakes. Ball must be played from the hazard or take a **1 STROKE PENALTY** and (A). Place the ball within TWO CLUB lengths of the hazard line, no closer to the hole. (B) Go back as far as you like keeping the point of entry in line with you and the hole.

10. If your ball is lost on the right hand side of Hole 6 or in the back and side of Hole 5 **DO NOT GO IN TO GET IT**. It is a lost ball and you will take either a **1 OR 2 STROKE PENALTY**.

11. If your ball is on the putting green and your ball while in motion hits another ball which is resting on the green, you will receive a **2 STROKE PENALTY**. The ball sitting on the green will be replaced to as close as possible to its original spot.

12. While hitting your ball on the fairway, if you hit a resting ball also on the fairway, the resting ball should be returned to as close as possible to the original spot. No penalty

DROP ZONE ON HOLE 7 and 14

Both holes require players to hit over water.

Hole 7 - If you hit into the water, you should drop your ball at the point **in which your ball crossed the water**, not where the ball landed in the water. You can take a **PENALTY STROKE** and drop your ball in our designated drop zone or use any of the options listed. The drop zone on Hole 7 is the LIME TEES.

However, you may not re-tee the ball.

Options:

- Re-tee at tee box plus **ONE STROKE**.
- ONE STROKE PENALTY** and Lateral Water Hazard Rule A or B listed above.

-**ONE STROKE PENALTY** and hit from lime tees. Do not re-tee the ball.

Ex.: I hit my ball and it enters the water. I go back to where the ball first crossed the water (not where it landed in the water), go back to the point of entry, take two club lengths, and hit again. One stroke for tee shot, one stroke penalty, and stroke three is my shot from the drop zone.

Hole 14

Options: **ONE STROKE PENALTY** and use Lateral Water Hazard Rule A or B listed above or **ONE STROKE PENALTY** and hit from Drop Zone on putting green side of the water.

The drop zone on Hole 14 is located in an unmarked area closet to the water 15-20 feet back from the green behind the drainage cover.

DO NOT SIGN YOUR OPPONENT'S CARD IF YOU DISAGREE ON A SCORE.

If a question arises concerning a rule during a round, discuss with your team members for a ruling. If it cannot be settled, announce and play an alternate ball and request a ruling from the professional staff, or member of the rules committee.

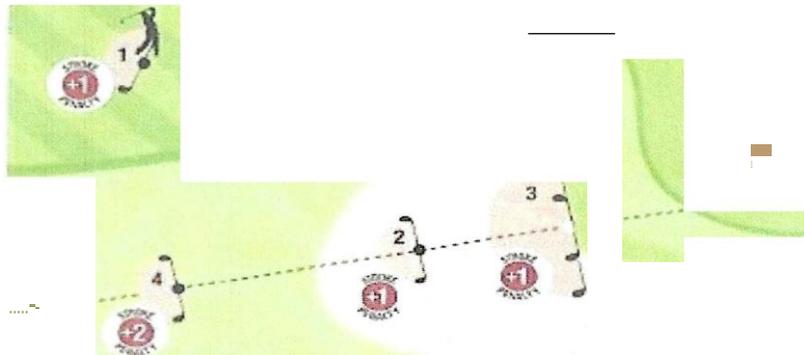
If a rule comes up for question, always ask your other team players for clarification.

BUNKERS

A player decides that her ball in the bunker is unplayable. The player has 4 options:

1. For **ONE PENALTY STROKE**, the player may take stroke-and-distance relief.
2. For **ONE STROKE PENALTY**, the player may take back-on-the-line relief IN the bunker.

DIAGRAM 19.3: RELIEF OPTIONS FOR BALL UNPLAYABLE IN BUNKER



3. For **ONE STROKE PENALTY**, the player may take lateral relief in the bunker.
4. For **TWO STROKE PENALTY**, the player may take back-on-the-line relief outside the bunker based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through the spot of the original ball.

PENALTY AREAS

All areas that are marked on our course with a red stake on the outside of the course will be considered a penalty area. Water Hazards are now called Penalty areas.

In a Penalty Area, the player can now ground the club lightly behind the ball, move a loose impediment, take a practice swing and touch the ground or water.

TAKING RELIEF

Drop your ball from knee height so that it lands in and comes to rest in the relief area. There can be assessed a **ONE STROKE PENALTY** if you do not drop the ball correctly.

Additional Rules for our League

1. If your ball is lost on the right-hand side of Hole 6 or on Hole 5 behind the green or to the right-hand side of the green, **DO NOT** go into the Preserves to look for it. Think of it as a water hazard and stay out of it. You can drop your ball two club lengths from the edge of the Preserves with a one stroke penalty. Golf Course rule. (Different than the Lost Ball rule)
2. If your ball is on the putting green and your ball in motion hits another ball which is also on the green but just sitting there, you will receive a two-stroke penalty. The ball sitting at rest will be placed back as close to the previous spot as possible. Always mark your ball when on the putting green.
3. While hitting your ball on the fairway, should it hit another ball sitting on the fairway, the resting ball should be placed back as close as possible to the original spot. No penalty.