



# FAIRWINDS

## GOLF CLUB

### Local Rules

#### 1. Snack Shack

The snack shack is an immovable obstruction and relief may be taken under Rule 24. Line of play relief MUST be taken if the snack shack lies between a player's ball and the hole – no penalty.

#### 2. Staked Plants, Beds and Nurseries

Relief MUST be taken from staked trees and bushes as well as flower beds and nurseries. More specifically, if the ball lies in or on any of these areas and/or they impede with the player's stance or area of intended swing, relief must be taken. Through the green, the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief.

#### 3. Stakes

White stakes not in a fairway define out of bounds.

#### 4. Roads, Paths and Rock Walls

All artificially covered roads and paths are obstructions and relief without penalty may be taken under Rule 24. Constructed rock **and/or timber** walls are an integral part of the golf course and there is no relief without penalty.

#### 5. Bridges and Pathways across Water Hazards and Lateral Water Hazards

All bridges and pathways crossing a water hazard or lateral water hazard are considered to be "in the hazard" and are immovable obstructions. If the ball is in such hazard, no relief is given from the obstruction without penalty. However, if the ball lay on the obstruction, a player may ground his/her club on the obstruction.

#### 6. Ball Crossing Road

All public roads are out of bounds. A ball which crosses a public road and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course. The player must proceed under stroke and distance under Rule 27.

#### 7. Aeration Holes

If a ball comes to rest in or on an aeration hole through the green, the player may, without penalty, lift the ball and clean it. The player must drop the ball as near as possible to where it lay, but not nearer the hole. On the putting green, the player may place the ball at the nearest point not nearer the hole which avoids the situation.

## **Local Rules continued...**

### **8. Measuring Devices**

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only.

### **9. Embedded Ball**

Through the green, a ball which is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole.

### **10. Preferred Lies**

When preferred lies ("winter rules") are in effect: through the green, a ball may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Prior to lifting, it must be marked. Having lifted the ball, the player must place it within 6" of where it originally lay, (or if it lies in mud or water, within one club length of the nearest point of relief) that is not nearer the hole, not in a hazard, and not on a putting green.

### **11. Stones in Bunkers**

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions - Rule 24-1 applies.

### **12. Animal Hoof Damage**

Other than on the putting green, damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by animal hoofs is ground under repair (Rule 25-1 applies). Interference in a bunker is for lie of ball only. Such damage on the putting green may be repaired (Rule 25-1 does not apply).

### **13. Excessive Bird or Animal Dung**

Dung on the course is considered ground under repair and relief may be taken under Rule 25-1b.

### **14. Sprinkler Heads by Green**

If a ball lies through the green and a sprinkler head, within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball, intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that: (a) is not nearer the hole; (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on the putting green.

### **15. Ball on Putting Green moved Accidentally**

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.