



# The Reserve Vineyards & Golf Club - Local Rules

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## Embedded Ball Rule

Relief is allowed for a ball that is embedded through the green, provided that the ball is otherwise playable. During relief the ball may be cleaned. Relief procedures: Use Rule 25-2.

## Obstructions Close to Putting Green

Relief is permitted if a competitor's ball lies within two club lengths of an obstruction which is located within two club lengths of the putting surface, or in a closely mown area surrounding the putting surface, where interference exists in lie, stance, swing or intended line of play. Relief procedure: Use Rule 24-2.

## Staked Trees

Provided the ball is playable, relief is permitted from stakes and wires supporting a tree, but not from the tree itself. Relief procedure: Use Rule 24-2.

## French drains

These drains are considered obstructions, with relief taken under Rule 24. A French drain must contain rock or gravel that is either visible or found by probing to be considered a French drain.

## Pumphouse between 18 North and 16 South/ Net Between 6 North and 15 North

A ball resting next to the pumphouse between 16 South and 18 North (or next to the net between 6 North and 15 North) is entitled to free obstruction relief for stance and swing (nearest point of relief) under Rule 24. A player is entitled to relief for the stance and swing only, not line of play.

## Drop Zones

A drop circle is provided only for balls which do not clear the yellow-staked water hazard on hole 4 of the North Course, located to the right of the cart path, past the red tee box.

## Provisional Ball

Before playing a provisional ball the player must announce that it is a provisional ball. Otherwise, that ball becomes the ball in play and the original ball is lost. In addition to playing a provisional ball when the original ball may be lost or out of bounds, a provisional ball also may be played for a ball which may be in the environmentally sensitive water hazards crossing the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> holes on the North Course.

## Long Grass Through the Green

If a player hits a ball into the long grass on the North Course or the South Course and cannot find the ball, he/she must play another ball under the Lost Ball Rule (Rule 27). A provisional ball should be played to speed the pace of play.

## Cultivated and Barked Areas, Course Periphery Hedges

No free relief, play the ball as it lies or declare the ball unplayable. Exception: Relief under Rule 25 is permitted for a ball found in the flowered area adjoining the lake on #18 of the North Course, and ornamental areas around tee stones as well as ornamental areas on both sides of the cart path leading to the Crossing.

## Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)

All ESA's are marked with green stakes tipped with yellow or red and should be treated as water hazards or lateral water hazards, respectively. Proceed under Rule 26, except that a ball within the ESA cannot be played under Rule 26-1. If

your ball is not in the hazard, but your stance or swing will touch the hazard or anything growing *and* within the margin of the hazard, you **MUST** take relief. See *The Decisions on The Rules of Golf*, 33-8/44.50.

#### **Bridges Crossing Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)**

A ball may be played from these bridges, provided that lie, stance, or swing does not contact anything growing within the ESA. The bridge is an obstruction, and although it is in the hazard (a hazard extends vertically upward) a club may touch an obstruction in a hazard, as the obstruction is not “ground in the hazard.” (North Course on holes 6, 13, and 15). See *The Decisions on The Rules of Golf*, 13-4/30.

#### **Rockwork Walls**

Rockwork walls along the lakes and creeks are integral parts of the course. No free relief is allowed.

#### **Doubt as to procedure**

In a situation where you are unsure how to proceed, play two balls under Rule 3-3. Declare your intention to proceed under Rule 3-3 and indicate which ball you want to count **before** hitting any ball. All Rule 3-3 situations must be reported to the Committee. Mark the position of the original ball with a tee if the position is critical to the situation.

#### **Distance Measuring Devices**

The Committee has established a Local Rule allowing players to use electronic measuring devices that measure distance. The use of devices and/or applications that gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player’s play (e.g., wind or gradient) is not permitted (Decision14-3/0.5).

#### **On-Course Practice**

On course practice before, after, or between rounds is permitted for tournament play (Rule 7-1, Note 1).

#### **One Ball Rule**

Some of The Reserve’s events put the “One Ball Rule” into effect. If this rule is put into effect, it will be noted on the event’s rules sheet. In accordance with this Rule, during a stipulated round all balls used by a player must be of the same brand and type as detailed by a single entry on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls.