



# The Reserve Vineyards & Golf Club - Local Rules

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## **Obstructions Close to Putting Green**

Relief is permitted if a competitor's ball lies within two club lengths of an immovable obstruction (i.e. sprinkler head) which is located within two club lengths of the putting surface, and both ball and immovable obstruction must be in the closely mown area. This applies for when the interference exists in lie, stance, swing or intended line of play.

Use Rule 16.1b.

## **Abnormal Course Conditions**

Relief is permitted if the following objects interfere with your lie, stance, or swing only:

- *Staked and Wire Supports for Trees*
- *French Drains*
- *Cart Paths and Curbs*
- *Restrooms*
- *Pumphouse between #16 South & 18 North*

Relief procedure: Use Rule 16.1b.

## **Stroke and Distance Penalty Relief**

The long fescue-type grass areas (i.e. long grass mounds) are played as red penalty areas. For one penalty stroke, the player must proceed under the relief options for a red penalty area. This rule applies to all golf rounds - both casual daily play and tournament play. In the case of a lost ball in these areas, you may also proceed under relief rules for red penalty areas if you are at least 95% certain the ball was lost in the long grass area. See Rule 14.3 for procedure of dropping in a Relief Area.

## **Out of Bounds & Lost Ball Relief**

When a player's ball is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may take stroke-and-distance penalty relief, with the option to drop a ball in and play from the relief area with two penalty strokes. From where the ball last crossed the edge of the out of bounds, to the nearest edge of the fairway of the hole being played, the player may use this area as a relief area. Along with this, the player may extend the relief area up to two club-lengths into the fairway and then drop their ball into play. If the player cannot determine if there is fairway on the hole, this option is not in play. **This is a TWO-STROKE penalty.**

## **Drop Zone – North Course #4**

A drop circle is provided only for balls which do not clear the red staked no play zone on hole 4 of the North Course, located to the right of the cart path, past the red tee box. It is not provided for a ball short of the lake or left of the cart path.

## **Net Between 6 North and 15 North**

During the play of North #6, if the safety net is on your line of play, relief may be taken from the red teeing area on North #6. During the play of North #15, if the safety net is on your line of play, relief may be taken from the tan teeing area on North #15.

**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 16.1b 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.



### **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 no play zone/environmentally sensitive areas crossing the 13<sup>th</sup> hole on the North Course.

### **No Play, No Entry Zones/Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)**

All ESAs are marked with green stakes tipped with red and should be treated as "No Play Zones". Proceed under Rule 16.1f. If your ball is not in the no play zone, but your stance or swing will touch the no play zone or anything growing *and* within the margin of the no play zone, you **MUST** take relief. Use relief under Rule 17.1e. PLEASE DO NOT ENTER.

### **Bridges Crossing No Play Zones**

A ball may be played from these bridges, provided that lie, stance, or swing does not contact anything growing within the no play zone. The bridge is an immovable obstruction, and although it is in the no play zone (a no play zone extends vertically upward) a club may touch an obstruction in a no play zone, as the obstruction is not "ground in the no play zone." (North Course on holes 6, 13, and 15).

### **Doubt as to Procedure**

In a situation where you are unsure how to proceed, play two balls under Rule 20.1c(3). Declare your intention to proceed under the Rule and indicate which ball you want to count **before** hitting any ball. All Rule 20-1c(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.

### **On-Course Practice**

On course practice during and after tournament play is allowed, on the course being played that day. Practice is allowed on the non-tournament day on either course. (Rule 5.2b).