

Smiths Falls Golf and Country Club

Local Rules

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Local Rule LR-1 – Provisional Ball for Ball in a Penalty Area

If a player does not know whether his or her ball is in the penalty area on the left side of Holes #12, #13 or #15, the player may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3, which is modified in this way:

In playing the provisional ball, the player may use the stroke-and-distance relief option, back-on-the-line relief option, or the lateral relief option.

Once the player has played a provisional ball under the Rule, he or she may not use any further options under Rule 17.1 in relation to the original ball.

In deciding when that provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play or if it must or may be abandoned, Rule 18.3c(2) and 18.3c(3) apply except that:

- When Original Ball is Found in Penalty Area Within Three-Minute Search Time, the player may choose to:
 - >> Continue to play the original ball as it lies in the penalty area, in which case the provisional ball must not be played. All strokes with that provisional ball before it was abandoned (including strokes made and any penalty strokes solely from playing that ball) do not count, or
 - >> Continue to play the provisional ball, in which case the original ball must not be played.
- When Original Ball is Not Found in Penalty Area Within Three-Minute Search Time or is Known or Virtually Certain to be in Penalty Area. The provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule:
General Penalty under Rule 14.7a.**

Local Rule LR-2 – Dropping Zone

If a ball is in the penalty area on Hole #16, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the penalty area, the player has these options, each for **one penalty stroke**:

- Take relief under Rule 17.1, or
- As an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone located to the right of the cart path near the putting green. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule:
General Penalty under Rule 14.7a.**

Local Rule LR3 – Preferred Lies

When a player's ball lies in a part of general area of the hole he or she is playing cut to fairway height or less the player may take relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: One club length from the reference point, but with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
 - >> Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
 - >> Must be in the general area.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedure for replacing a ball under Rule 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule:
General Penalty under Rule 14.7a.**

Local Rule LR4 – Relief from Aeration Holes

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

- (a) Ball in General Area: The Player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.

- (b) Ball on Putting Green: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

But the interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule:
General Penalty under Rule 14.7a.**

Local Rule LR5 – Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.

For **two penalty strokes**, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

- a. Ball Reference Point: The point where the estimated ball is estimated to have:
 - Come to rest on the course, or
 - Last crossed the edge of the course boundary, or the fence line on the right side of Hole #7, to go out of bounds.

- b. Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

For the purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary, or the fence line on the right side of Hole #7, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between

- A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and

- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line).

But within these limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must be in the general area, and
- Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

But the player must not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- The ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3).

A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule:
General Penalty under Rule 14.7a.**

Local Rule LR6 – Protection of Young Trees

The young trees that have been identified by being staked are no play zones:

- If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f.
- If a ball lies in a penalty area, and interference to the player's stance or area of intended swing exists from such a tree, the player must take relief under Rule 17.1e or with free relief under Rule 17.1e(2).

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule:
General Penalty under Rule 14.7a.**

Local Rule LR7 – Ball Deflected by Power Line or Hitting Bell on Hole #7

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line (or tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line) during the play or Hole #18, or hit the bell (or pole supporting the bell) on Hole #7, the stroke does not count. The player must replay a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (see rule 14.6 for what to do).

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule:
General Penalty under Rule 14.7a.**

Local Rule LR8 – Damage by Animals

In the general area, areas of damage caused by birds or animals feeding or searching for grubs and/or larvae are treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1b.

But interference does not exist if the damage only interferes with the player's stance.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule:
General Penalty under Rule 14.7a.**

Local Rule LR9 – Bunker Filled with Temporary Water

The flooded bunker on (describe hole(s) & location(s) of bunker) is ground under repair in the general area. It is not treated as a bunker during the round.

If the player's ball lies in or touches this ground under repair or the ground under repair interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.

All other bunkers on the course, whether they contain temporary water or not, are still bunkers for all purposes under the Rules.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule:
General Penalty under Rule 14.7a.**

Local Rule LR10 – All Roads, Paths, Unmarked Ditches and Flower Beds and the Bunker Located Beside the Practice are Treated as Obstructions

All roads and paths, even if not artificially surfaced, unmarked ditches and flower beds and the bunker located beside the practice green are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule:
General Penalty under Rule 14.7a.**

Local Rule LR11 – Out of Bounds

The fence on the right side of Hole #7 is Out of Bounds

The Parking Lot is Out of Bounds.