

Smiths Falls Golf and Country Club

Local Rules

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, a provisional ball may be played from the previous position, using line of flight to determine the drop point or laterally, within two club lengths from where the ball was seen to enter the penalty area.

- If the original ball is found in the general area or the penalty area within the three-minute search time, the player may play the original ball as it lies, or
- For **one penalty stroke**, continue to play with the provisional ball.

Once a provisional ball has been played, no other relief options are available.

Local Rule LR-2 – Dropping Zone

If a ball is in the penalty area on Hole #16, the player has an extra option, for **one penalty stroke**: to drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone located to the right of the cart path near the putting green.

Local Rule LR3 – Preferred Lies

When a player's ball lies in the fairway of the hole being played, the player may take relief once of one club length from the spot of the original ball no nearer the hole. The original ball or another ball may be placed and played from this relief area.

Local Rule LR4 – Relief from Aeration Holes

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole in the general area relief may be taken. The nearest point of complete relief should be identified. The ball must be dropped within one club length of this point.

On the putting green the player may take free relief by placing the ball on the spot of the nearest point of complete relief.

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.

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 virtually certain to be out of bounds, rather than proceeding under stroke and distance, for **two penalty strokes**, relief may be taken no nearer the hole by:

1. Establishing the Ball Reference Point where the original ball is estimated to have come to rest on the course or last crossed the out of bounds boundary.
2. Establishing the Fairway Reference Point as the point on the fairway of the hole being played that is nearest the Ball Reference Point, but is not nearer the hole than the Ball Reference Point

The Area of Relief is based on the Reference Points and may be 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). The location of relief must be in the general area and not nearer the hole than the Ball Reference Point. (See MLR-E Diagrams 1, 2 and 3).

Once this option has been taken, the original ball is out of play, even if it is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time.

This option is not available if the original ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area or the player has played another ball provisionally under stroke and distance.

Local Rule LR6 – Protection of Young Trees

The young trees that have been identified by being staked or marked 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 one club length no closer to the hole.
- 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, either, for **one penalty stroke**, outside of the penalty area, or free relief within the penalty area.

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.

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.

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

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.

Local Rule LR10 – All Roads, Paths, Unmarked Ditches and Flower Beds and the Bunker Located Beside the Practice Green 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.

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.