

# Fairwinds Women's Golf Association Rules Effective 1/24/2023

USGA RULES GOVERN ALL PLAY UNLESS MODIFIED BY THE FOLLOWING LOCAL RULES

**Tees:** All play will be from the Gold Tees or Orange Tees. Once you have selected your tees, you must continue to play from that tee for the remainder of the season.

**Out of Bounds- Rule 18.** Defined by nearest inside points at ground level of white stakes, right #1, (driving range is OB), and left of pond #18 (Stakes right on #9 are not OB they apply to #18 only).

**Penalty Areas: Rule 17.** All Penalty Areas will be played as **lateral penalty areas** and are defined by red stakes or red lines (occasionally), a perimeter line of high grass/bush/trees (**high vegetation**), or the **black wire fencing** installed to prevent hog intrusion. A ball touching or beyond the red line, stake line (if there is no red paint), **high vegetation** line, or **black wire fencing** is in the penalty area. A ball beyond the black wire fencing may not be played as it lies. **Hole # 2 and #3** have no stakes along right side and the **high vegetation** line defines the penalty area. **Hole #10** has high vegetation line all along left side. Some areas along the **black wire fencing** are behind a **high vegetation** line and therefore the fence in that area is inside the penalty area and there is no free relief. Relief is in accordance with **Rule 17.1d(1-3)**. With a one stroke penalty, you have three drop options: **stroke-and-distance relief**, **back-on-the-line relief**, or **lateral relief**.

**Immovable Obstructions: Rule 16.1.** The **black wire fence** specifically installed to prevent hog intrusion is an immovable obstruction. Free relief is allowed if there is interference with stance or swing and ball is not touching or beyond the hog fence and ball and is not in a **high vegetation** penalty area). Drop w/in 1 club length of the *nearest point of complete relief (reference point)*. **Note exceptions to 16.1.** Also, the landscaping around electrical transfer boxes (metal boxes) is not a part of the *immovable obstruction*. Benches are treated as immovable obstructions. Free relief.

**Dangerous Animal Condition: Fire Ant mounds** are considered a dangerous animal condition and relief may be taken under **Rule 16.2 with exceptions**. Free relief.

**Sprinkler heads near green: Model Local Rule F-5** is in effect for a ball in the General Area. The player may take free relief under **Rule 16.1b** if an **immovable obstruction** is on the line of play and within two club-lengths of the putting green, and within two club-lengths of the ball. Exception- No relief if line of play is clearly unreasonable.

**Ground Under Repair:** Free relief under **Rule 16** from areas defined by green stakes or encircled by white painted lines. White lined areas of ground under repair tying into immovable obstructions are treated as the same obstruction. **Tire Tracks are deemed ground under repair.** Drop within 1 CL of your nearest point of complete relief (no closer to the hole).

**Sod Seams: Model Local Rule F-7** is in effect. Free relief. If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing. (Interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance)

- a) Ball in General Area: The player may drop a ball under Rule 16.1b (Relief for ball in General Area)
- b) Ball on Putting Green: The player may place a ball under Rule 16.1d (Relief for ball on Putting Green)

**Loose Impediments:** Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments. **Rule 15.**

**Preferred Lies:** *Should extreme adverse conditions warrant (determined by Pro Mark Cammarene)*, preferred lies will be announced prior to start of play. In your own fairway you may lift, clean and place your ball within 1 club length no closer to the hole.