

Fairwinds Women's Golf Association Rules Effective 4/11/2024
USGA RULES GOVERN ALL PLAY UNLESS MODIFIED BY THE FOLLOWING LOCAL RULES

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

Out of Bounds- Rule 18. There is no perimeter Out of Bounds (OB). On hole #1, The driving range on right is OB as defined by nearest inside points at ground level of the white stakes, and on hole #18, a ball crossing the left side pond to Hole #9 is OB. (Stakes right on #9 are not OB for 9, they apply to #18 only).

Penalty Areas: Rule 17. All penalty areas are played as **lateral penalty areas** and defined by a perimeter line of **high grass** encircling the ponds, or an outer perimeter line of **high grass/bush/trees (high vegetation)**, or the **perimeter black wire fencing**, and occasionally by **red stakes** or **painted red lines**. A ball touching or beyond the **high vegetation line, perimeter black wire fencing, painted red line, or red stake line** is in the penalty area. The tree clump, pumphouse and tanks on right of hole 9 are within the penalty area. **Rule 17.1d(1-3)**. With a one stroke penalty, you have three drop options: **stroke-and-distance relief, back-on-line relief, or lateral relief**.

Immovable Obstructions: Rule 16.1. The **black wire perimeter fence** specifically installed to prevent hog intrusion is an immovable obstruction. Most areas along the **black wire fencing** are behind a **high vegetation line**. You may only take free obstruction relief from stance or swing interference from the fence if your ball is not touching or beyond the fence, **and** it is not touching or in a perimeter **high vegetation area (penalty area)**. For free relief, 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. The pumphouse and tanks on hole 9 are within the penalty area. (no 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-5.1 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 and Ruts are deemed GUR**. 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.**

Model Local Rule L-1 regarding missing scorecard certification is in effect. 2 stroke penalty applied to last hole.

Preferred Lies: As 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.

Ties- ties that need to be broken shall be determined by the USGA recommended method of card playoff. Ties for first place in the Club Championship shall be determined by hole-by-hole playoff.

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