

FWGA Local Rules Effective 3/2/2026

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

Pace of Play is 4 hours 15 minutes

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 unless approved in advance by Pro and Board.

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**. Red stakes are used to help identify penalty areas but they are defined by either a **painted red line**, the **high vegetation line** (higher than rough) surrounding all ponds and course perimeters, or the **perimeter black wire fencing**. A ball touching or beyond the painted **red line**, **high vegetation line**, or **black wire fencing** is in the penalty area. The tree clump, pumphouse and tanks on **right of hole 9** are within the penalty area. With a 1 stroke penalty, you have three drop options: **stroke-and-distance relief**, **back-on-line relief**, or 2 CL **lateral relief**.

Immovable Obstructions: Rule 16: If your ball is **not** in the penalty area, (see above), the **black wire perimeter fence** is an immovable obstruction. 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. Gravel filled areas adjacent to cart paths are deemed part of the cart path.

Sprinkler heads or GUR near green: MLR 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 or GUR** 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 (GUR): 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. French drains, large or hard ant hills, and **deep tire ruts** are deemed GUR. Tire tracks that have no significant depression ($\frac{1}{4}$ " or less) are not GUR.

Exposed tree roots in the fairway of the hole being played: **MLR F-9** Free relief is for lie of ball and swing, not stance.

Sod Seams: MLR F-7 Free relief for interference if ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing (not for player's stance). **Edging Grooves near Putting Green MLR F-19** Free relief only for lie of ball or swing (not stance). Place if ball is on the Putting Green. Drop if ball is in the General Area. **During times of Aeration, free relief from Aeration Holes will be in effect under MLR E-4:** if ball lies in an aeration hole on putting green, place on nearest spot no closer to hole. In general area, drop.

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

MLR 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- Event ties that need to be broken shall be determined by Matching Scorecards, (last round, back 9, 6, 3, 1, front 9, 6, 3, 1). Ties for first place in the Club Championship shall be determined by hole-by-hole playoff.

The competition is final when all scores have been approved by the Committee. The Committee- Anita Venner, Mark Cammarene, Annery Abreu

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