

Oak Hills Men's Golf Association 2009 Local Rules

Local Rule – Embedded Ball

Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, other than sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

Exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if it is clearly unreasonable for him to play a stroke because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match play — Loss of hole; Stroke play— Two strokes.”

Local Rule – Preferred Lies (Winter Rules)

When the Winter Rules sign is posted at the 1st tee or on the bulletin board, the following Local Rule is to be used. If a player's ball lies on a closely mown area through the green the player may mark, lift and clean his ball without penalty. Before lifting, he must mark the position of the ball. The player must then place the ball on a spot within twelve inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it was placed, Rule 20-3d applies and the ball must be replaced. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply.

If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

*PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match play — Loss of hole; Stroke play— Two strokes

*If a player incurs the general penalty for a breach of this Local Rule, no additional penalty under the Local Rule is applied.”

Local Rule – Aeration Holes

Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match play — Loss of hole; Stroke play— Two strokes.”

Local Rule –Power Lines

If a ball strikes the power line during play of the 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th or 18th holes, the stroke is canceled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5 (Making Next Stroke from Where Previous Stroke Made). The towers are considered “immovable obstructions” and any ball striking a tower must be played as it lies.

Local Rule –Ground Under Repair

The following areas may always be played as ground under repair and relief taken as prescribed in Rule 25-1 even if not marked as such.

The dirt path leading from the cart path up to the 2nd green

The bare spots in the right rough of the 7th hole between 100 to 150 yards from the green, commonly used as the cart path for that hole.

The bare spots and dirt path in the left rough of the 12th hole inside of 100 yards.

French drains (trenches filled with exposed rock) are deemed to be ground under repair.

When winter rules are not in effect, all other unmarked areas through the green must be played as the ball lies.

Local Rule –Lost Ball

Players looking for lost balls must drop another ball after 3 minutes, or allow the next group to play through.

Local Rule -Stones in Bunkers

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

Local Rule –Drop Area for 5th Hole

In addition to the normal options for hitting a ball into a direct or lateral water hazard, a tee ball hit in either pond may be dropped in the designated drop area approximately 30 yards in front of the women’s tee.

Local Rule -Distance-Measuring Devices

For all tournament play at this course a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.