

**RECREATION PARK MEN'S GOLF CLUB
(RPMGC)
LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION
(JAN 2003)**

Play is governed by the current USGA Rules of Golf, the following Local Rules and any "Notice to Players" distributed for a particular competition by the RPMGC Tournament Committee.

Any local rules or any other information concerning the play of the golf course published on the Recreation Park Golf Course scorecards are null and void, and do not apply to RPMGC Golf Tournaments. Only "Official" RPMGC Scorecards are valid.

The following Local Rules, written under the guidelines found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023 and any subsequent clarifications or amendments thereto, shall be in effect immediately.

Penalties for breach of a Local Rule or Condition of Competition shall be consistent with the Rules of Golf effective January 2023 and any subsequent clarifications or amendments thereto.

Pace of Play: The RPMGC Pace of Play policy is posted on the Club bulletin board. When a group fails to meet the specified time for play, the group, or depending on the format, an individual in the group, is subject to a penalty of two strokes, unless there are mitigating circumstances deemed acceptable to the Committee.

Discontinuance or Postponement of Play: Discontinuance or Postponement of Play shall be in a manner determined by American Golf Management and/or, under extraordinary circumstances, the RPMGC Golf Tournament Committee. For situations concerning rain, we play unless American Golf Management closes the course.

Out of Bounds and Course Boundaries (A-2.1): The course side edge at ground level of white boundary stakes, all boundary fences, the driving range protective fence and screen to the left of #1 fairway, the white line to the left of hole #1 that extends from the end of the driving range fence to the boundary fence, the course side edge of the road that separates the #5 hole from the #6 and #9 holes, the wooden fence posts on #7 and #12, the maintenance yard fence posts and the wall on #13, the white stakes to the left of #15, the railings that separate the parking lot from the golf course behind #16 and the edge of the parking lot surfaces themselves in all other areas.

The road itself that separates the #5 hole from the #6 and #9 holes is out of bounds. A ball coming to rest on or beyond the road is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes. (A-5).

Objects defining out of bounds such as walls, fences, wooden fences, stakes, railings, protective fences and screening are NOT obstructions and are deemed to be fixed.

There is no free relief from Boundary Objects.

ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE RELIEF FOR A LOST BALL OR A BALL OUT OF BOUNDS (E-5) is NOT in effect.

Relief from Aeration Holes (E4): If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.

Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. But 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.

Protection of Young Trees identified by stakes, supports or wells (E-10): The young trees identified by stakes and supports are no play zones:

If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f.

Abnormal Course Conditions and Integral Objects (8F)

Ground Under Repair is defined by any area, surrounded by a white line (F-1).

Ground Under Repair includes exposed rocks in areas cut to fairway height or less (F-1).

Protective fences to the right of #3 green, the right of #4 tee, the right of #8 tee, and to the right of #12 tee are immovable obstructions (F-1)

Bathrooms and the concrete areas and structure behind the #7 green and to the right of #8 tee. The structure itself and the artificially surfaced areas or concrete surrounding the structure are immovable obstructions.

Ground Under Repair Treated as Part of Nearby Obstruction (F-3): Where areas of damaged ground are right next to artificially surfaced road or path or other identified obstruction they are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green when ball is in an area cut to fairway height or less (F-5): Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green (i.e., sprinkler heads) and on the line of play:

Ball in General Area: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b and (F-5.1) if an immovable obstruction is:

- (a) On the line of play, and is
- (b) On or within two club-lengths of the putting green, and is
- (c) Within two club-lengths of the ball.

Exception – No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

Relief for Seams of Cut Turf (F-7): 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:

- (a) **Ball in General Area.** The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.
- (b) **Ball on Putting Green.** The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

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

All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

Relief from Tree Roots (F-9): If a player's ball lies in the General Area and there is interference from exposed tree roots that are in part of the General Area, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b. But, relief is not allowed if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance.

Edging Grooves (F-19): The edging grooves around the aprons or fringes of putting greens are ground under repair. If a player's ball lies in or touches a groove or a groove interferes with the area of intended swing:

- (a) Ball in General Area: The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.**
- (b) Ball on the Putting Green: The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1d.**

But interference does not exist if the edging groove only interferes with the player's stance

Scorecards and Posting of Tournament Scores: Signed and attested score cards shall be deposited in the scorecard box located behind the #18 green. or turned in to a member of the Tournament Committee immediately following the stipulated round. Once the card is turned over to the Committee it is deemed officially submitted. ALL tournament scores will be posted by the Handicap Committee. No player should post their own tournament score.

Close of Competition: A competition is deemed to have closed when the results have been officially announced, by posting on the RPMGC website (www.recpark.com).

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