

FHMGC – LOCAL RULES – 2020

USGA Rules of Golf Apply - Play the ball as it lies.

Putting: ALL BALLS MUST BE Holed; no “gimmies”. Play ready golf to maintain pace of play.

NEW FOR 2018: Environmental Sensitive Area (ESA) (Green Stakes with White Tips)

The Fox Hollow scorecard states that if your ball enters an ESA you should now proceed under rule 26-1 of the rules of golf. The FHMGC has adopted the same local rule. Therefore, any ball entering the area should be treated as lost in a water hazard.

If your ball is in an ESA area,

- 1) Proceed under Rule [26-1b](#), which requires the player to drop a ball behind the water hazard, keeping the point at which the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped.

Ball Out of Bounds (White Stakes) or Ball Not Found Within Two Minutes

If a ball is out of bounds or deemed lost after spending a maximum of 2 minutes (FHMGC local rule for pace of play) looking for the ball, a player has 2 options:

- 1) Under penalty of one stroke, play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played. or
- 2) Under penalty of 2 strokes drop the ball in the fairway at the nearest point of relief where the ball crossed the out of bounds or hazard line and no closer to the hole.

On hole #10 there is an area that is out of bounds over the green and also to the left. If you believe that your ball may be out of bounds, it would be advisable to play a provisional ball from the tee BEFORE leaving the tee area. If you do not play a provisional ball and your ball is found out of bounds, you must take the 2 stroke penalty and drop the ball within one club length of where your ball crossed the out of bounds marker line.

Ball Identification

The responsibility for playing the proper ball rests with the player. Each player should put an identification mark on his ball. Penalty for striking the wrong ball is 2 (two) strokes.

Ground Under Repair

The overgrown swampy area on the left side of #17 (between woods and the 1st bunker) will be played as ground under repair. If it is known or virtually certain your ball came to rest in this area you are allowed one (1) drop within one (1) club length of the nearest point of relief, not closer to the hole.

Bunkers

If your ball comes to rest in an abnormal condition in the bunker you may (after consulting with your opponents) lift, rake and place your ball. An abnormal ground condition is defined as a footprint (manmade or animal), animal holes or ruts made by erosion.

USGA Local Rule Adopted by FHMGC

“Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player’s ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved ~~by the player, his partner,~~ his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player’s ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player’s ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.”