

RCRVR Golf Club

Local Rules (effective 04/12/18)

The Golf Committee has adopted the following local rules: Please consult with fellow competitor or opponent before taking relief.

Ground Under Repair – To protect vegetation, under Rule 25-1b, take free relief from: All clearly defined tree planter rings, flower beds, groomed bare areas around trees, as well as plants surrounding pump stations, electrical equipment pads and other such obstructions. Drop ball at the nearest point of relief within one club length.

Obstructions – Bare ground around and adjacent to artificially surfaced cart paths is deemed to be part of the immovable obstruction. Free relief under Rule 24. (Lift and drop without penalty within one club length.) Stones in bunkers are declared movable obstructions. Proceed under Rule 24-1. (Move stone(s) without penalty, but do not disturb lie of ball.) Staked trees are deemed immovable obstructions - If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or the area of his intended swing, take full relief by lifting the ball, without penalty, and dropping it in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b.

Out of Bounds (OB) – A ball is deemed OB when: **1)** It crosses over and comes to rest to the right of the lateral hazards (ponds, streams, waterfalls) on holes 1,2, and 3. **2)** it comes to rest on any owner's lot. (For OB rulings – a "lot" includes any owner developed and maintained patio or planter that is obviously built as a contiguous extension of the back of the lot and adjoins the golf course). **3)** it lands in an undeveloped area between lots that are developed as in #2 above and is clearly inside an imaginary line drawn across the back most edges of those lots. **4)** on hole # 13, it comes to rest left of the course-side edges of the white fence posts. and **5)** it comes to rest left of the out of bounds stakes on hole #14 is OB. For any ball hit OB proceed under Rule 27-1-b.

Water Hazards – All streams and ponds are declared to be Lateral Water Hazards. Concrete borders are part of the hazard. Any ball touching the concrete is considered to be in the hazard. Take relief with one stroke penalty under rule 26-1.

Hole # 7 – When a player's ball crosses into the hazard at a point where the right side of the fairway transitions from relatively level to steeply downward, consider this transition point to be the point at which the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard and from where to measure your point of relief. Any ball coming to rest at a point between the transition point described above and the concrete border of the lake is deemed to be in the hazard. You may play it as it lies or take relief with one stroke penalty under rule 26-1.

Embedded Ball – You may lift, clean, and drop an embedded ball, anywhere other than in hazards, with no penalty. Rule 25-2

Range Finder Devices – Permitted for distance only.

Winter Rules or Preferred Lies (USGA Rules, Appendix 1, Part A, 3b Course Conditions) – This rule is only in effect on a tournament by tournament basis when declared so by the Golf Club Board member overseeing the tournament - A ball may, without penalty, be marked, lifted, cleaned and placed at its original location. Failure to properly mark or place a ball results in a one stroke penalty.

Play before or between tournament rounds – Golfers are allowed to play golf on the course before or between rounds in any sanctioned RCRVR Golf Club tournaments. (Rule 7-1 is waived for all tournament play)