

2019 MEN'S ASSOCIATION LOCAL RULES

-A player may lift, clean, and place his ball within one clublength no nearer the hole in his own fairway.

-In the absence of hazard markers, the tall grass that is not mowed will constitute a lateral hazard line around all ponds. Bear in mind that upon hitting into a lateral hazard, a player has 3 options. He may hit from the spot in the hazard where the ball lies without penalty. Under the penalty of one stroke: he may drop two clublengths from the last place the ball crossed the margin of the hazard (no nearer the hole), or drop a ball any distance behind the water hazard keeping a straight line between the hole, the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard and the spot on which the ball is dropped. In addition to these options, the Red teeing areas on Cottage #3 and Lake #2 may be played as a drop area for balls entering the hazard from the tee. The drop areas shall be treated as fairway.

-White stakes and all asphalt surfaced roads define out of bounds.

-A ball that has come to rest in an aeration hole on the green may be replaced on the nearest point of relief from the aeration hole, no nearer the cup.

-If a player thinks his shot may be lost or may have entered a hazard, he may play a provisional from the previous spot in order to expedite play until the position of his original shot has been determined.

-The areas on Road #5, Road #9, Lake #4, Lake #6 and Cottage #9 that cannot be mowed as fairway where the cartpaths intersect shall be treated as fairways and preferred lies may be used.

-There may be times when course conditions dictate preferred lies through the green. A local rule will be deemed on such days.

-Rangefinders that only measure distance may be used during the normal course of play and competition.

-For the purpose of skins; during normal weekend rounds, all players may choose to play the Blue or White tees. In order to be eligible to play the Gold tees, a player's handicap index and age must total 80 or higher.

-Members may bring an occasional guest to play on the weekends, but the same guest may only play 6 times in a season without joining the Men's Association.

-Any member who signs up for a tournament and fails to show up without contacting the board will be ineligible to play in the next event (exceptions will be made in the event of an emergency).

-All other USGA, VSGA, and the Hollows local rules apply. Please try to familiarize yourself with the changes to the rules in 2019. For better or worse, the USGA has amended more rules than ever this year, so be prepared.