

2021 MEN'S ASSOCIATION LOCAL RULES

-Pace of play! Please be courteous to your fellow golfers and to those who handle the scoring. It should not take more than 4 hours to play a round of golf at the Hollows. Try to keep pace with the group in front of you and the rest of the pairings in the association.

-Keep in mind rule 18.2. You now have 3 minutes to find your ball before it is deemed lost.

-In relation to the above rule we have adopted Local Rule E-5 which is an alternative to stroke and distance for lost or out of bounds balls. If your tee shot is out of bounds or lost, you may go back and hit from the previous spot as we have done in the past. Or, under this new local rule, you can drop parallel to the spot where the ball went out of bounds or where your ball was estimated to have come to rest if it is lost, in the fairway within two clublengths to the rough, no nearer the hole. In this case you must take a two-stroke penalty. This rule does not apply to unplayable balls or those you are virtually certain have gone into a hazard. There may be certain tournaments this season where this rule will not apply. In such cases, we will let everyone know in advance.

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

-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: 1) He may hit from the spot in the hazard where the ball lies without penalty. 2) 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. 3) 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.

-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. Any round where the course declares the entire course to be "cartpath only" will constitute preferred lies.

-A player may lift, clean, rake, and place the ball in all bunkers as near the original position as possible.

-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 (this rule is subject to change on a round to round basis). Keep in mind that we will be splitting the cut sheet between high and low handicappers for most rounds with 40 or more players in the cuts this season.

-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 from 2020. For better or worse, the USGA has amended more rules than ever in the last couple of years, so be prepared.