



FOX HOLLOW MEN'S CLUB COMMON RULES OF PLAY AND LOCAL RULES

All Fox Hollow Men's Club events are played under the rules of golf defined by the United States Golf Association except as defined by the **Local Rules** shown below.

The following defines how to handle some of the most common rules situations we will encounter:

COLORED STAKES & LINES:

A *regular* water hazard

- Defined by **yellow stakes** or lines
- Any body of water that sits between you and the hole
- Includes the water AND the turf on the edges

A *lateral* water hazard

- Defined by **red stakes** or lines
- Any body of water that sits to one side of the hole.
- Includes the water AND the turf on the edges

The boundaries of both hazards extend upward and downward and any lines or stakes outlining the hazard are part of the hazard. If your ball is resting on the line defining the hazard....you're in the hazard. **DON'T GROUND YOUR CLUB.** If you do, you will be assessed a one (1) stroke penalty for each occurrence.

You have three choices for regular water hazards (yellow stakes):

1. If the ball is playable, play it with no penalty, but do not ground your club before doing so.
2. If it's not playable, find the spot where your ball last crossed the hazard margin. Keep that spot between you and the hole. You can drop your ball anywhere on that imaginary line, as far back as you like. You are assessed one (1) penalty stroke.
3. The final option is to go back to the spot where you played the shot into the hazard and hit another ball. A one (1) stroke penalty is assessed + distance. So if it was your tee shot, you would now be hitting 3 from the tee.

If the hazard is a lateral hazard (red stakes), you have the same option as the regular hazard above, plus two more.

1. Find the spot where the ball crossed the hazard margin. Drop your ball within two club lengths, no nearer the hole. One (1) penalty stroke is assessed.
2. Find a spot on the opposite side of the hazard that is the same distance from the hole as the spot where your ball crossed the hazard margin. Drop a ball within two club lengths of that spot, no nearer the hole. A one (1) stroke penalty is assessed.

Rules covering water hazards can be found in the USGA Rules of Golf, Rule 26.

White Stakes and White Lines

White stakes or white lines are used to indicate out-of-bounds. Out-of-bounds is a stroke-and-distance penalty - a golfer must assess himself a one (1) stroke penalty, return to the spot of the previous shot and hit it again.

This can be time consuming. So if you believe your ball may be OB, it's a good idea to hit a provisional ball. This will help keep up the speed of play.

Rules governing out-of-bounds and provisional balls are covered in USGA Rules of Golf, Rule 27.

LOCAL RULES OF THE COURSE:

- HOLE #2: The metal barrier behind #2 is considered an integral part of the course and there is NO free relief. It may seem unfair, but it's just like being up against a tree. Plus the barrier probably just saved your golf ball from a watery grave, so you should be thankful it was there.
- HOLE #4: To the right of the fairway, red stakes indicate the hazard to the right. Any ball landing in the hazard may be played but you cannot ground your club. A lost ball can be dropped within two (2) club lengths at point of entry from the hazard line, no nearer the hole (lateral hazard).

As for the cart path that starts up by the green, if your ball enters the hazard in that area and you want to take a drop, take your drop under usual red stake rules. If, after your drop, the cart path interferes with your stance or swing, then take a free drop from the path. You can't take the free drop from the path before taking your penalized drop from the hazard first.

- Hole #18: Out of bounds on hole 18 starts at the highway asphalt of Cty. Rd. 36, and behind the green at the curb of Palmgren Avenue. That means the lower parking lot is in bounds and also the ramp leading down to the tunnel under Cty Rd. 36 is in bounds.
- Hole #18: If a ball strikes the power lines on #18, it MUST be replayed without penalty. If a ball strikes the power poles and caroms out of bounds (driving range), it must be replayed and you're penalized the usual stroke and distance for out of bounds.
- What to do if no one knows: When a rules question comes up and a golfer isn't sure which of two options to follow, play two balls. Ask Eric, one of the golf shop employees or men's club board member who can help decide the correct play after the round (ie. which ball should count).
- The following rules supersede USGA rules
 - Stones in bunkers are moveable obstructions. See USGA rule 24-1.
 - A ball hit into the water on hole #3 (front) may be played from the designated drop area on the island. The drop area will be a white circle. There are NO OTHER drop areas on any hole on any of the 3 nines. Drop areas anywhere else are for other leagues.
 - If there is some question as to whether a ball hit into or near a water hazard is playable or not, the player may play a provisional ball. This is not allowed by USGA rules but we have created this local rule to speed up play.

SCORE CARDS:

- It is each player's responsibility to convey their full name, local number and current valid handicap to the person keeping score. See the example posted on the board.
- Events will change weekly. It is primarily the score keeper's job to complete the information on the score card as is requested by the chairmen. It is strongly encouraged for all players to double check the card prior to the card being turned in to the pro shop.
- Incomplete score cards or scorecards including incorrect handicap information will mean that players are not eligible to win the event.
- Complete and check your cards.