

Quail Creek CC Local Rules

July 15, 2021

1. PENALTY AREAS:

- Margins are defined by yellow or red stakes/lines.

2. DROP AREAS:

- Quail #8 – left of cart path in front of Copper/Topaz tees.

3. OUT OF BOUNDS:

- Margins defined by white stakes or walls and borders indicating private property.
- COURSE REGULATIONS PROHIBIT RETRIEVING GOLF BALLS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY.
- The Grill, Pro Shop, Wedding facility, and all paved areas beyond Coyote #9 green are out of bounds.

4. PREPARED ROCK:

- An area of rock closely arranged for a functional purpose (e.g., drainage or erosion control) or for decoration is an obstruction.

5. BUNKERS:

- Areas to the right on Coyote #3 and Coyote #8 are waste areas - not bunkers. Stones in the bunkers are loose impediments.

6. RELIEF FROM TREE WELLS:

- If the tree well of a tree tagged with a green ribbon interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player may take relief without penalty and drop at the nearest point of relief that provides complete relief from the tree and is in the relief area, no nearer the hole.

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7. AERATION HOLES: USGA Model Local Rule E-4 (MLR E-4)

- “If a player’s ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:
 - Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b (Dropping in the relief area). If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.
 - Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d (Placing the ball on the nearest point of relief).
- But interference **does not exist** if the aeration hole only interferes with the player’s stance or, on the *putting green*, on the player’s *line of play*.

8. OUT OF BOUNDS/LOST BALL – USGA MODEL LOCAL RULE E-5 (MLR E-5):

When a player’s ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. But the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when that ball is known or virtually certain to have come to

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rest in a penalty area, or the player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3). A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

- **Ball Reference Point:** The point where the original ball is estimated to have come to rest on the course, or last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.
- **Fairway Reference Point:** The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, “fairway” means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less. If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the **fairway reference point** may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points:

- Anywhere between a line from the hole through the **ball reference point** (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and a line from the hole through the **fairway reference point** (and within two (2) club-lengths to the fairway side of that line). But with these limits:
 - Must be in the general area, and
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the **ball reference point**.

Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

Penalty for breach of a Local Rule: **Match Play:** Loss of hole; **Stroke Play:** General Penalty (2 strokes)

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