

Local Rules

*Bridges

You are prohibited from making a stroke and playing from bridges; you must drop your ball in the relief area, under penalty of 1 stroke, USGA Rule 17.d.

*Waste Bunkers: you may ground your club.

Royal Lakes – All bunkers.

*Sprinkler Head Relief

You may take free relief when a sprinkler head is within 2 club lengths of the putting surface and within 2 club lengths of the ball. Drop ball within one club length with the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole.

*Shell Areas

No Play Area: You are prohibited from playing from these areas, whether there is a white line. You must take nearest point of relief, without penalty, no closer to the hole.

*No Play Zone/Penalty Area Lines

On all courses, in the absence of a painted red penalty line, the depression entering the water's edge is considered the penalty line. Any areas marked with a red stake and green cap are considered a No Play Zone and must take penalty relief under Rule 17.1d or 17.2 from this area and not enter this area to search for or retrieve the golf ball.

*Drop Zones

Local Rule E-1, Special Relief Procedures; Dropping Zones are in effect for the following holes. Proper relief is taken when a player's ball is dropped within two club-lengths of the course Drop Zone sign, no closer to the hole. A Drop Zone is considered an extra relief option to penalty relief, for one penalty stroke, similar to stroke and distance, back-on-the-line and lateral relief.

- Legacy #3, green-side left of cart path. Legacy #4, green-side left of cart path. Legacy #17, green-side after the bridge.
- Cypress Links #9, green-side after the penalty, right of the cart path.
- King's Dunes #4, green-side after the penalty, left of the cart path. King's Dunes #15, green-side after the path, purple teeing ground.

*Provisional Ball in Penalty Area

Local Rule B-3 is in effect for the following holes: Cypress Links #13, King's Dunes #7 & #11. If a player does not know whether his or her ball is in the penalty area, the player may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3 which is modified in the following way to assist pace of play and properly take relief in each situation: In playing the provisional ball, the player may use the stroke-and-distance relief option (17.1d(l)), the back-on-the-line relief option (17.1d(2)), or, if it is a red penalty area, the lateral relief option (17.1d(3)).

*Exposed Root Interference & Ruts/Damage by Tractor or Cart

Local Rule F-9 is in effect for the General Area. If a player's ball is in the general area and there is interference from exposed tree roots, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1(b). Interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance. Similarly, if a player's ball is in the general area and there is interference from a deep rut or damage caused by a tractor or cart, that damage is treated as ground under repair. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.

*Out of Bounds and Lost Ball Alternative Relief to Stroke and Distance

Local Rule E-5 is in effect for a ball that has been lost in General Area, and Out of Bounds. This option allows the player to drop in a large area between the point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone out of bounds and two club-lengths from the edge of the fairway into the fairway of the hole being played that is not nearer the hole. The player gets two penalty strokes when using this relief option. If a provisional ball has been played, and the ball is not found or is confirmed out of bounds, the provisional ball is the ball in play.