

CARSON VALLEY WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB



Local Course Rules

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The following course rule are applicable only for the Carson Valley Women's Golf Club while playing their weekly ladies day rounds at the Carson Valley Golf Course.

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Ground Under Repair

Bare ground/dirt in the **fairway** is considered **Ground Under Repair** and relief without penalty is allowed.

Waste Area

Bare dirt/ground in the **rough** of the **general area** is now designated as **Waste Area**; play the ball as it lies. However, should your ball be lying in a waste area where your **club** would come in contact with rocks and/or stones during the course of playing your ball, **YOU MAY TAKE A ONE-CLUB-LENGTH RELIEF (NO CLOSER TO THE HOLE), AND YOU MUST HAVE CONSENSUS FROM ALL PLAYERS IN YOUR GROUP TO CONFIRM AN ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION APPLIES.**

Examples

Some examples of **Waste Areas** on the course include:

- **Hole #2** - between the fairway and boundary fence on the right side.
- **Hole #9** - to left and right of the cart path approach to bridge and beyond that is not defined by gravel.
- **Hole #10** - alongside the cart path to the right of fairway as well as the narrow strip between cart path and boundary fence is considered Waste Area and must be played if found to be the nearest point of complete relief from the cart path.
- **Hole #12** - between the fairway and boundary fence on the left side.
- **Hole #16** - between the fairway and the Penalty Area on the right side.

Notes

1. Divots may appear as bare ground but are never considered as **Ground Under Repair** or **Waste Area** and must be played as the ball lies.
2. There are additional areas of bare ground in the general area which are small and may not be well defined. You may remove loose impediments and movable obstructions so long as the ball does not move. You can always choose a one-stroke penalty using any of the three options available under Rule 19.2 (Unplayable Ball).

Out of Bounds and Lost Ball

The **USGA** approved local rule for **Out of Bounds** and **Lost Ball** remains in effect. If you suspect your ball is lost in the General Area or is Out of Bounds you may choose to play “stroke and distance”, but under the local rule intended to keep the pace of play you have the option of advancing the ball to the approximate point of loss or where the ball crossed out of bounds. From that point you can move the ball to the nearest point on the fairway, but no closer to the hole. The general penalty of two strokes is added to your score on that hole. This rule does not apply to a ball lost in a Penalty Area (see Rule #17 for Penalty Area procedures).

Relief Without Penalty

PRIOR TO TAKING RELIEF CONSULT WITH AT LEAST ONE PLAYING PARTNER TO CONFIRM AN ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION APPLIES!

Abnormal Course Conditions

Per USGA Rule #16 relief without penalty is allowed in the General Area and on the Greens for temporary or standing water and ground under repair.

Standing Water

Imbedded ball or a ball down an animal hole also qualifies for free relief. Consult Rule #16 for the correct method for taking the Nearest Point of Complete Relief. On the Greens, relief is allowed if the abnormal condition exists between the ball and the hole.

Ground Under Repair

The ball must be in or be impacted by the abnormal condition in the General Area. Ground under repair is not required to be marked and most of it is not marked on the course, so make an accurate assessment and always consult your playing partners before taking relief.

Man-Made Obstructions

Free relief, no closer to the hole, is allowed for man-made obstructions including sprinkler heads, control boxes, and range markers. Also, the large logs placed on the ground adjacent to some of the greens (i.e., holes #3, #4, #9, #15) qualify, but **BOUNDARY FENCES DO NOT QUALIFY** for free relief on any hole.

Cart Paths

The course does not have clearly defined **Cart Paths**, and in some cases the paths transit through **Waste Areas** or are close to **Boundary Fences** (no relief). Before taking relief, confirm with your playing partners that your ball actually lies on the path and on which side of the path you can take relief. Be aware that nearest point of complete relief (your ball, stance or swing is not interfered with) may be in Waste Area, Penalty Area, or against a Boundary Fence. In this case you may opt to play the ball as it lies on the Cart Path without penalty.

Staked Trees

There are a few recently planted trees with stakes remaining on the course. By local rule you are allowed free relief, no closer to the hole, if the stake, tree limbs, trunk or root interferes with the lie of the ball, your stance or intended swing path of your club.

IF A DISPUTE ARISES BETWEEN PLAYERS OVER A FREE RELIEF, the player should take pictures and play two balls on that hole then annotate the nature of the dispute on the back of the scorecard. The Women's Club Board and Rules Committee will assess the dispute and make determination as to how the hole will be scored.

Penalty Areas

Clarification of our Local Course Penalty Areas:

- The Carson River and all its waterways are played as "**Red Penalty Area**" unless otherwise marked.

- If a penalty area is not properly marked, you use its natural margins. If your ball lies outside of an imaginary line between two adjacent stakes, you are still in the penalty area. An example of natural margins would be within the banks of any waterway.
- New for 2019 Rule 17.1d (Relief for Ball in Penalty Area) removes the option to take relief on the opposite side of a red penalty area.
- For example, the red/yellow markers to the right of the foot bridge to Green #2/Tee #3, relief must be taken from the direction the ball first crossed the penalty area.

Pace of Play

To improve **Pace of Play**, and in accordance with **USGA Rule 21.2**, the existing Max Stroke rule of 12 strokes per hole has been modified to a more equitable:

Net Double Bogey which is defined as Par + 2 + Pops for each hole

A player's course handicap allowance on each hole, or Pops, can be calculated with the Pops calculator on the [Links](#) page of www.CVWGC.com web page. Pops are the small dots or checks placed on each hole of the scorecard that should add up the player's handicap allowance (handicap strokes) for the course.

- When a player reaches net double bogey, she should pick up if any of the following conditions are in play:
 - Group behind you is waiting to hit
 - Your group has fallen behind the group ahead of you
 - You are getting tired and/or frustrated
 - You are slowing up your group

Note: *If none of these conditions are in play, players may elect to continue normal play.*

- A player may **not** pick up before the **Max Strokes** (net double bogey) has been reached without tournament disqualification.
- To maintain tournament participation (prize fund eligibility) and a post-able round when picking up, a player must add to the current stroke count, at pick up, the "**most likely number of strokes to be taken in order to hole out**" (i.e., Par + 2 + Pops + most likely number strokes needed to hole out).
- Continued participation in any side games (KP, chip- ins) are not affected by picking up.

Note: *This Max Stroke rule is a local club/course rule only.*