

HALIFAX COUNTRY CLUB

LOCAL RULES

PENALTY AREA – Any area on the course as defined by **Red Lines and/or Stakes**. Relief options are outlined in Rule 17 with a penalty of one stroke, and the player may drop the ball, if applicable, on the opposite side of the penalty area, no closer to the hole.

THE RULES OF THE USGA GOVERN ALL PLAY *EXCEPT WHERE AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING LOCAL RULES:*

PREFERRED LIES – When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less and is on the fairway of the hole being played, the player may lift, clean and place the ball within one club-length from the spot of the original ball, no closer to the hole.

BALL LOST OR OUT OF BOUNDS – The player can take stroke and distance relief, or, with a penalty of **two strokes**, the player can determine where the ball is likely to be lost or where it went out of bounds, and find the nearest fairway edge no closer to the hole and place the ball within two club-lengths. The player also has the option to drop the ball in the area from the point where it is deemed lost or out of bounds to the edge of the fairway, no closer to the hole, and go back as far as the player wishes on the course. See Exhibit A diagram in HCC Clubhouse for further explanation.

CART PATHS – Any paved or artificial gravel surface. Relief: One club-length, no closer to the hole.

POWER LINES AND POLES – Any ball striking a **Power Line** or **Telephone Pole** must be replayed with no penalty. **Telephone Poles, Guidewires, Green Fans** and **Benches** are Immovable Obstructions. Player gets swing relief but not line of flight.

INDIVIDUAL HOLE EXCEPTIONS

- #3.** If the cart shed to the right of #3 green interferes with a player's stance or swing, the player may drop with no penalty at the nearest end of the shed, no closer to the hole.
- #9.** If a ball comes to rest in the concrete culvert behind the green, a player may drop with no penalty one club-length from the closest point of relief, no closer to the hole. The parking lot is no longer considered Out of Bounds and is to be played as a Penalty Area (red stakes).
- #15.** In respect to the equipment shed to the right of the fairway, the **shed, equipment and attachments, auto vehicles, piles of sand and gravel**, and all other **artificial devices** are to be played as Movable or Immovable Obstructions. Relief: One club-length from the closest point of relief, no closer to the hole.

THINGS TO REMEMBER IN THIS AREA:

- The closest point of relief is the point on the golf course where the player's swing or stance is no longer obstructed. Relief is one club length from that point.
 - There is no line of sight or flight relief on this or any other area of the course.
- #18** The area defined with landscaping timbers behind #18 green and to the right of #6 tee box for white and blue tees is a free drop. Any ball that comes to rest within the timbers must be dropped at the closest point of relief, no closer to the hole

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