



Bala Golf Club

THE RULES OF GOLF AS APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION AND THE R&A GOVERN PLAY. Complete text of Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019.

OBSTRUCTIONS: Paved, dirt and mulched cart paths are immovable obstructions and relief may be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1a. Wood chipped and GUR areas leading into cart paths will have the same status as the path, that of obstructions.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by the nearest inside points, at ground level, of white stakes along with white lines, boundary walls and fences. See Rule 18.

- **The driving range is Out of Bounds.**
- **The parking lot is Out of Bounds.**

PRACTICE AREAS ON THE COURSE (see Rule 5.2): Includes the practice putting green and the hitting net.

PENALTY AREAS: Artificial walls and pilings located in penalty areas are integral objects. When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to out-of-bounds, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

- **Dropping Zone – Hole #6:** If, during the play of **hole #6**, a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found lies in the Yellow Penalty Area, the player may proceed under Rule 17.1d; or as an additional option, drop the original ball or another ball, under penalty of one stroke in the designated Dropping Zone.
- **Relief on Opposite Side of a Penalty Area:** When the ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area on **Hole #7 & #8**, as an extra relief option adding one penalty stroke, the player may drop the original ball or another ball on the opposite side of the penalty area:

Reference Point: The estimated point on the opposite edge of the penalty area that is the same distance from the hole as the estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area.

Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: Two club-lengths, but with these limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

1. Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
2. May be in any area of the course except the same penalty area, but
3. If more than one area of the course is located within two club-lengths of the reference point, the ball must come to rest in the relief area in the same area of the course that the ball first touches when dropped in the relief area.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair. For grass-covered trenching, see Temporary Lines and Cables. Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction.

- **No Play Zone:** The following areas are No Play Zones defined as Ground Under Repair:
 - (i) **flower beds** and **other decorative plantings areas** on the courseRelief **must** be taken under Rule 16.1 when player has any interference as defined by Rule 16.1f.