

BEACONETTES LOCAL RULES: Members are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the USGA Rules of Golf and the 2019 Major Rule Changes, as these rules are the baseline by which we play. The Local Rules discussed below have been approved by the Beaconettes' membership for use only in Beaconette competitions held at Beacon Ridge Golf & Country Club. When playing in tournaments outside of this club, members are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the local rules of the club hosting the tournament.

Winter Rules: The ball may be lifted, cleaned and placed, without penalty, up to one club length, no nearer to the hole and only when ball is in the fairway. You cannot move the ball in the rough; you must play it as it lies. If the ball touches any part of fairway, it is deemed to be in the fairway. We refer to this as "playing the ball up". We typically play by Winter Rules in the early spring before the first mowing of the fairways, and anytime heavy rains or storms have made the course conditions wet enough to warrant "Cart Path Only" restrictions.

Gravel: The course has many large areas of gravel (examples: between #15 and #17 fairways and on both sides of the cart path on #10). If your ball comes to rest on such gravel, mark the spot with a tee, then the ball may be lifted, the gravel brushed aside, and the ball replaced on its original spot, without penalty.

Cart Paths: In places where erosion and washouts have formed deep ruts adjacent to cart paths, relief may be taken without penalty as if it were "ground under repair": (1 club length, nearest point of relief, no closer to hole).

Drop Areas on Holes #2 and #16: If you choose to use the drop area on the opposite side of the water, there is no longer an extra penalty stroke for carrying the ball around the water (as of 2019). Example: On hole #2, your ball goes into the water on your 2nd stroke, add penalty for entering hazard, you now lie three in the drop area on the opposite side of the water. On both holes, the drop area should be marked to the left of the cart path at the point where the path passes the water and turns right to head up the hill to the green.

Exposed Root Rule:

If your ball comes to rest on or near an exposed tree root that interferes with your swing, the ball may be moved, without penalty, by one club length from the nearest point of relief, but no closer to the hole. You must first notify someone in your foursome of your intent to take relief.

Maximum Stroke Rule:

This rule was added in 2017 as a measure to speed up pace of play. On any given hole, when your score reaches double par plus one stroke, you may pick up and record that score without being eliminated from the competition.

Options for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds (per the 2019 USGA Rule Changes):

The 2019 USGA Rule Changes gave clubs the option of adding a new local rule, and we did.

Option 1 – Player may use stroke and distance per Rule 18.2 as before. (Re-hit from original spot with a 1 stroke penalty)

Option 2 – For 2 Penalty Strokes the player may take relief by dropping a ball in the relief area (as defined in Rule 14-3):

- Determine the spot where the ball went OB or was likely lost.
- Find the nearest fairway edge, no closer to the hole.
- Drop ball in relief area.