

LOCAL KMWGA RULES

USGA Rules Apply - Electronic measuring devices are permissible.

OUT OF BOUNDS OR LOST BALL - USGA Model Local Rule E-5 has been adopted by KMWGA

If a ball goes out of bounds, the player can choose to **return** to the area where the ball was hit and re-hit with a one-stroke penalty (called stroke and distance) or choose to drop a ball up to two club-lengths into the fairway no nearer the hole from where the ball went out of bounds with a two-stroke penalty.

*A ball is NOT out of bounds if it touches the OB line and the Course.

*If your ball goes out of bounds, but hits a curb, tree, etc., and lands back inbounds, there is no penalty. A ball is only “out of bounds” if it comes to rest out of bounds.

*If a provisional ball is hit, the player cannot use the option of dropping in the fairway.

Refer to USGA website [Stroke and Distance Local Rule](#) for more information or the diagrams posted in the ladies lounge.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION – USGA Model Local Rule has been adopted by KMWGA

All tire ruts are to be treated as an Abnormal Course Condition. If the tire rut interferes with a player's stance or swing, a player will receive free relief from the interference under Rule 16. The definition of the area is the outermost edge of the tire rut. (Abnormal Course Condition does not apply in the bunker.)

SPRINKLER RELIEF: - USGA Model Local Rule 8F-5 has been adopted by KMWGA

This allows players a reasonable line of play when putting onto the green. If a sprinkler head is in the player's line and is within two club-lengths of the green AND is within two club-lengths of their ball, they may take “free” relief from the sprinkler head. Find a spot that is the nearest point of relief, drop your ball within a club-length, and putt from there.

PENALTY AREAS – All KM lakes as well as the canal along hole number 4 are RED penalty areas. There is only a drop zone on Hole 8. No drop zones on any of the other holes with water. Click here for a video explanation on how to take drop from penalty areas. [Penalty Area Video \(1:29 minutes\)](#)

OUT OF BOUNDS MARKERS AT KM

- Residential and business fences / walls that define the course boundary
- Curbing on the course side of City “multi-use paths” on #1, #2, #5, #7, #14, #15, #16 (short wall)
- Curbing behind the green on # 1, #7 and #18
- White stakes around the driving range

Play the ball as it lies. Do not move your ball unless permitted to do so by USGA Rules. If your ball is on bare ground, play it as it lies. There is no relief except where designated by course markers.

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USGA RULES APPLYING TO FREQUENT COURSE SITUATIONS

- **NO RELIEF FROM DIVOTS IN THE FAIRWAYS**
- **OUT OF BOUNDS:** Perimeter fencing surrounding the golf course. Out of bounds is defined by the inside points of fences and posts. *Rule 18*
- **PENALTY AREAS:** Are identified by red or yellow stakes and/or lines. Use the line if available, otherwise use the stakes for relief reference. *Rule 17*
- **FREE RELIEF FROM CART PATHS:** The curb is part of the cart path. If relief is taken, it must be complete relief. Relief allowed from maintenance road. *Rule 6*
- **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** All control boxes and weather stations are obstructions. Swing and stance relief, plus one club length only, NOT line of sight. *Rule 16*
- **GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** Must be defined by white lines or specific sign. *Rule 16*
- **LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS:** Loose impediments may be removed from bunkers and all penalty areas. NOTE: this includes stones in the bunkers. *Rule 15*
- **BALL ACCIDENTALLY MOVED ON THE PUTTING GREEN:** No penalty ON THE GREEN if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or marker must be replaced. *Rule 15*
- **BALL ACCIDENTALLY MOVED DURING SEARCH:** There is no penalty if you or anyone else moves your ball during a search. Simply replace it. *Rule 7.*
- **DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE:** In stroke play, a player may play a second ball under *Rule 20.1c(3)*