

Local Rules — Lake Havasu Golf Club-Desert West (Jan 2024)

- Boundary markers — white stakes and fence borders are out of bounds. Where used, yellow stakes/lines indicate water hazards, and red stakes/lines indicate lateral water hazards. The road on #11 is out of bounds if your ball comes to rest on the road. All staked or ribboned trees — free drop for nearest relief of swing, stance, or lie, no closer to the hole.
- Water hazards — ponds on holes 10, 12, (yellow hazards)
- Lateral water hazards — ponds or lakes on holes 3,5,6, 10,11 and all concrete lined drainage ditches. (*red lateral hazards*). *All concrete drainage ditches will be played as later hazards. Play the ball as it lies or take penalty relief where ball last crossed hazard.*
- Enclosed areas/pump stations (including Oleanders bordering) for ball inside, a free drop within one Club Of nearest point of relief on the nearest lateral side of fence or plants. (*Restroom/Oleanders #5*)
- Irrigation equipment-free drop within one club length of nearest point of relief from any sprinkler head valve cover, bubbler, pipe, or top if it interferes with lie, stance or swing. (*Not intended line of play; if I club length doesn't provide complete relief you must get complete relief*)
- Concrete ditch on the left side of #6- any ball left of ditch is out of bounds. (*If you think you ball could be OB, Play a provisional ball*).

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- Right of the fairway on #2 is an environmentally sensitive area. Please keep out for your safety. (*This is a no play zone; take a drop within 2 club-lengths of the entry point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area; 1 penalty stroke*)
- Boundary markers-white stakes and fence borders are out of bounds. Where used yellow stakes/lines indicate water hazards, and red stakes/lines indicate lateral water hazards.
- Lateral water hazards - drainage ditch on #5, and pond on #11. (*#11 is red lateral hazard not to be confused with #10 which is yellow*)
- Enclosed areas/pump stations: for ball inside, a free drop within one club length of nearest point of relief on the nearest lateral side offence or plants. (*#3 & #9*)
- Staked trees-free drop within one club length of nearest point of relief if stake or tree interferes with lie, stance or swing.
- Irrigation equipment-free drop within one club length of nearest point of relief from any sprinkler head valve

Free Relief from abnormal course condition related specifically to 'fissure' grooves in the landscape caused by water erosion

Rule 16.1a: Free relief is allowed from interference by animal holes, ground under repair, immovable obstructions, or temporary water; collectively called abnormal course conditions.

Below is a picture of the fissure grooves in the landscape on the right side of hole #1 on the west course. As there may be more of the same type of grooves between other holes such as 9 & 18; The LHWGA have conferred with the Golf Course/Club and agreed to the interpretation that free relief is allowed in this circumstance.

The free relief is afforded you when the ball, or intended stance or swing are interfered with. Complete relief must be taken so if your ball, stance, or swing are still interfered with then continue to take free relief.

