

ANTELOPE HILLS WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
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Amended: January 11, 2023

There are five main areas of the course. The General Area covers the entire course except the Putting Green, Bunkers, Teeing Area, and Penalty Areas.

GENERAL AREA

- **Out of bounds (Local Rule A1)**
 - Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes and fence posts. Out of bounds is also defined by villa walls, boundary wall #14 North and wooden fences. In the absence of stakes, the inside edge of street curbs, and paved public roads are considered out of bounds. A ball that crosses a public road and comes to rest in another part of the course is still out of bounds. There is no free relief for stance or swing form walls or fences. White stakes are boundary objects and may not be removed and free relief is not allowed.

- **French Drain on #14 North**
 - The drainage ditch on the left side of the fairway filled with gravel is considered an immovable obstruction. If your ball touches the obstruction or the obstruction interferes with your stance or swing you may take free relief.

- **Bridge on #17 South 16.1/4 – How to Take Relief When Ball Lies on Elevated Part of Immovable Obstruction**
 - When a ball comes to rest in the general area on the elevated part of an immovable obstruction, such as a walkway or bridge. The player may play from this position.
 - If the player elects to take relief in this situation, the nearest point of complete relief is the point (Point X) on the ground directly beneath where the ball lies on the obstruction. There are two options: the player may use stroke and distance and play a ball from where the previous stroke was made or the player may drop a ball behind the penalty area keeping the point where the original ball crossed into the yellow penalty area between the reference point and the flagstick with a one stroke penalty. Rule 17.1d

- **Tree Roots (Local Rule F 9.1)**
 - If a player's ball is at rest in a portion of the general area including fairway rough, and there is interference from an exposed tree roots, the tree roots are treated as Ground Under Repair. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. Interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with a player's stance.

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- **Ground Under Repair (Rule 16.1)**
 - Allows free relief for areas enclosed with lines or small colored flags as defined by the course.
 - If your ball is lost in ground under repair and you are virtually certain that your ball is in the Ground Under Repair, then you may take free relief, one club length from edge of the Ground Under Repair no closer to the hole.

- **Protection of Young Trees (Local Rule E10)**
 - Trees identified by stakes or support wires. If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or swing, the ball **MUST** be lifted and dropped without penalty in accordance with the procedure described in Rule 16.1b.

- **Cart Paths (Local Rule F-17)**
 - All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

PUTTING GREEN

- **Sprinkler Heads around the Putting Green Rule 16.1**
 - The player may take relief if an immovable obstruction (Sprinkler Head) is on the line of play within 2 club lengths of the putting green, and within 2 club lengths of the ball. The player must lift and drop the ball at the nearest point to where the ball lies not nearer the hole, avoids the immovable obstruction and is not in a hazard or on the putting green. The ball may be cleaned.

BUNKERS

- **Stones in Bunkers**
 - Before playing a ball in a bunker, a player may remove loose impediments under Rule 15.1. This includes any reasonable touching or movement of the sand in the bunker that happens while doing so. Rule 12.

PENALTY AREAS

- **Red Penalty Area Next to a bunker #7 South**
 - If a player's ball crosses into a Red Penalty area where lateral relief is in a bunker. Relief may be taken from the red penalty area by dropping in the bunker with a one stroke penalty. The player also has another option with the addition of another penalty stroke of dropping out of the bunker using the point where the ball entered the red penalty area as a reference point.

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Preferred Lies (also known as Lift Clean and Place) Effective December 1 – March 31

Model Local Rule E-3

“When a player’s ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: 6 inches
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
 - Must be in the general area.

Temporary Rule During Winter Play

The Course cuts three hole locations on the green every winter because the ground freezes. Two of the holes will be plugged with a green cap. If these caps are in your line of play you are entitled to free relief to be implemented as follows:

- You must be on the green to get free relief
- Relief is nearest point of relief no closer to the hole
- Place the ball on the green

Suspending Play or Cancel Play due to Inclement Weather

Inclement weather prior to play

- The Tournament Chair or Sweeps Chair may cancel a round the day prior if it has been determined the course is not playable. The Chair will make a reasonable attempt to contact members with a cancellation notice.

Inclement weather the morning of play

- The Tournament Chair or Sweeps Chair will cancel the round if the course is Walking Only.
- Members may opt to play but no AHWGA game will be recognized.

Inclement weather and or lightning during play

- The Tournament Chair or Sweeps Chair will either temporarily suspend play or cancel play if the weather conditions dictate.
- Suspending play - players on the field will be asked to mark the ball position (using a tee), and clear the field. If the weather clears within: 30 minutes, the players will resume play from their last position.
- In the event of lightning, a player may suspend play without penalty (Rule 5.7a.) The Tournament Chair or Sweeps Chair must be notified as soon as possible.
- The Tournament Chair or Sweeps Chair may cancel play if determined course conditions are not safe to continue.
- Scoring will follow the USGA Rules of golf if a play has been cancelled.