

River Hills Country Club Local Rules

Play is governed by the 2011 Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association and, where applicable, by the following Local Rules, Conditions, and Definitions. Appendix I refers to the Appendix of Local Rules and conditions of the competition in the 2010 USGA Rules of Golf booklet. *The ball shall be played as it lies unless otherwise posted.*

Roads, Paths, Rule 24: Artificially surfaced paths are Obstructions, all others are not. White lined areas tying into roads and paths have the same status as the roads or paths and are not Ground Under Repair.

1. **Ground Under Repair, Rule 22:** (Hole #2)
 - a. Any white lined area with the exception of roads and paths as defined above.
 - b. Any unusual damage caused by maintenance vehicles, golf carts, or the like.
 - c. French drains which are exposed or partially exposed trenches filled with rocks or stones.
 - d. Relief or lie of ball and area of intended swing only for the following:
 1. Sod seams
 2. Newly trenched areas
3. **Water Hazards-** defined by yellow lines/or stakes.
4. **Lateral Water Hazards-** defined by red lines and/or stakes. (Hole #4)
5. **Out of Bounds, Rule 27-** defined by the inside edge of white stakes at ground level and when white stakes tie into them: property fence posts, walls, inside edge of street curbs, asphalt roads along the perimeter of the course. "A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course."
6. **Embedded Ball Rule-** In effect through the green. See Appendix I.
7. **Retaining Walls and Pilings:** when located through the green, retaining walls and pilings are integral parts of the course. (Hole #17)
8. **Landscaped areas and flower beds** are played as "Through the Green," unless otherwise marked.
9. **Turf Plugs on Putting Greens:** On the putting green, in addition to Rule 16-1C, the player may repair turf plugs of any size.
10. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions-** Greenside fans are defined as temporary immovable obstructions. Relief may be obtained if the obstruction interferes with lie of ball, area of intended swing or stance or if the ball lies behind the obstruction so that any part of the obstruction intervenes directly between the player's ball and the hole or if the ball lies within one club-length of a spot equidistant from the hole where such intervention exists.

Suspension of Play for a Dangerous Situation- When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, i.e. lightning, tornado, etc., if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they shall not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they shall discontinue play immediately and shall not thereafter resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation shall be signaled by one prolonged siren or horn blast. All other types of suspension shall be signaled by several short intermittent siren or horn blasts.