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## LOCAL RULES SHEET – ROCKLEDGE MENS CLUB

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The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern all play.

### Abnormal Ground Conditions

Ground Under Repair	Areas marked with white paint are ground under repair and relief without penalty is available pursuant to Rule 25-1. Staked trees and French drains on the course should be played as ground under repair. Newly mulched areas are considered ground under repair <u>only</u> if white lines are present. Newly-sodded areas are ground under repair and mandatory relief must be taken even if white lines are not present. During the winter months, temporary hole plugs on putting greens are ground under repair.
Embedded Ball	Through the green, i.e., not in a hazard, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole.
Flower Beds & ESA	Maintained flower beds (#8 Tee, Left on #10 & #18, behind #12 tee, behind #14 tee) and ESA (Environmentally Sensitive Areas (left of #8 and right of #17) on the course are ground under repair. If a player's ball lies in the area, or it interferes with the player's stance or area of the intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 25.1

### Course Boundaries

The out of bounds line is determined by the nearest inside (course side) points of white stakes or fence posts at ground level.

### Distance Measuring

Distance measuring devices may be used to determine distances. However, the use of devices that gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player's play (eg. wind, temperature, or elevation changes) are not permitted.

### Obstructions

Cart Paths	All concrete or asphalt surfaced paths are immovable obstructions and relief without penalty is available pursuant to Rule 24-2. Additionally, the bridges crossing holes #3 & #4, including the stone bridge on #3 are all considered cart paths and the player is entitled to relief without penalty.
Sprinkler Heads Near Greens	Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2. In addition, if a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green
Stones in Bunkers	Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions and may be removed pursuant to Rule 24-1.

### Preferred Lies

When conditions warrant that preferred lies are necessary, players will be notified by the Tournament Committee. If a player's ball lies on a closely mown area through the green, the player may mark, lift, and clean his ball without penalty. Before lifting, he must mark the position of the ball. The player must then place the ball on a spot within one club length of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard or on a putting green. A player may place his ball only once and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it was placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball, when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it was placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of another Rule apply. If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

### Water Hazards & Lateral Water Hazards

Water hazards are defined by yellow lines and identified by yellow stakes. Lateral water hazards are defined by red lines and identified by red stakes. In the absence of stakes and/or lines, the margin of the water hazard is defined by the break in the slope of the ground.

Dropping Zones have been provided on the following holes: #6, #7 (for water behind the green & same can be used for flower bed behind #8 tee), #8, #9, #10, #12, #14 (2 locations on far side of water hazard – drop in zone closest to where your ball entered the hazard), #16 & #18.

A ball that is reasonably deemed to have entered a hazard on holes #6, #7, #10, #14 & #18 (due to blind nature of the shots that are being played), a player may reasonably assume, with confirmation from his playing peers, that the ball has entered the hazard and relief with applicable drop and penalty may be taken in accordance with the rules. Drop Areas may be used.

### Other

A Player's ball that is accidentally moved by the player on a putting green may be replaced to the original location it lay without penalty.