

The Club at Apple Mountain
Local Rules and Course Clarifications
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Local Rules

In addition to the official Rules of Golf, The Club at Apple Mountain has adopted the following Local Rules.

The penalty for breach of a Local Rule is loss of hole in Match play and 2-stroke penalty in Stroke play.

1. When hitting across a Penalty Area (such as on Holes #1, #5, #6, #8, #10, #11 and #12), if there is doubt as to whether the ball cleared the Penalty Area, hit a provisional ball from the Penalty Area relief area before searching for your ball. This local rule is contrary to the Rules of Golf but is done to speed up play. This Local Rule does not apply to Holes #2 and #17 because the relief area for these holes is across the Penalty Area.
2. For major Club Tournaments (Club Championship, Senior Club Championship, Match Play Championship & KOM), play the ball down (except that you may lift out of a divot in the fairway) unless the rules for the tournament specify otherwise. Subject to the specified rules for any tournament (and when it is cart path only due to winter conditions), you may Lift, Clean and Place within six (6) inches, in the same cut, no closer to the hole, everywhere except penalty areas. There is no brown-to-green relief.
3. Do not play out of Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA's), designated either by green-tipped red or yellow stakes or signs. Take appropriate relief based on the type of Penalty Area. If there is a mixture of green-tipped and non-green-tipped stakes, use your best judgment as to the extent of the ESA area, with the concurrence of your opponent(s). It is possible that there will be mixed stakes for penalty areas on some holes.
4. During winter months, there will be occasions when the greens are partially or totally frozen. If your ball is hit onto a green under these conditions and, as a result, the ball caroms off the green, you may place the ball on the fringe where the ball caromed off, without penalty.
5. If your ball is hit out of bounds, for a two-stroke penalty, you may estimate the spot where your ball went out of bounds and then find the nearest fairway edge that is no closer to the hole. You may then drop your ball in the fairway within two club lengths of that fairway edge point. Similarly, you may take the two-stroke penalty for a lost ball by dropping a ball within two club lengths of the estimated location of the lost ball.
6. In determining whether or not a ball is in a penalty area, the general rule is to look at stakes on either side of the ball to determine whether the ball is inside or outside the invisible line between the two stakes. However, if there is a mown vs. non-mown area, use the mown line as the boundary of the penalty area. If the penalty area is next to a

cart path, the penalty area extends to the edge of the cart path. A ball coming to rest on the cart path, whether or not touching a curb or paint line, is not in the penalty area.

7. If your ball comes to rest before a stair fencing, such as on Hole #3, you may drop in the same type of grass, no closer to the hole, such that the fencing is not between the player and the green. This will normally result in a drop above the stairs.
8. If your ball comes to rest near the stone wall on Hole #15, such that you cannot take a normal stroke, you may drop in the same type of grass, no closer to the hole such that the you may make a normal stroke.
9. If it is agreed among the players that a ball that cannot be located in the fairway (closely mown area), or during winter months on any hole that you can virtually see the ball land and everyone agrees it is likely embedded, the ball may be dropped near the estimated location, without penalty. Examples of this type of condition are the area below the green on Hole #3 and the area between the cart path and the green on Hole #10.

Course Clarifications

General

- Take free relief from staked or marked “ground under repair” areas or straw covered areas.

Hole #2

- If you hit into the penalty area in front of the tee boxes, you may go to the drop zone near the green, hitting your third shot.

Hole #3

- The right edge of the cart path along the entire length of fence is the line of the Penalty Area, regardless of where the stakes are placed.

Hole #5

- For a ball hit into the penalty area in front of the White tee boxes, you must re-tee, hitting three.
- For a ball that may be in the penalty area in front of the Gold tees, all players must agree (or not have seen) that the ball is in the penalty area if not found.
- For a ball hit into the red-staked Penalty Area about 150-200 yards from the green, left of the cart path, relief must be taken to the right of the cart path. The tall red poll signifies the end of the Penalty Area. If your ball is hit to the right of that poll, it could be lost, so hit a provisional.

Hole #6

- The entire right side of the cart path is red staked (no green tip) until you reach the green. The penalty area behind the green is on the side of the cart path nearer to the putting green.

Hole #8

- The hilly tree area in front of and to the left of the tee boxes is all a green tipped penalty area. You may not hit a ball out of this area.

Hole #11

- The area between the fairway and the green is a green-tipped red penalty area. If you see your ball cross this area and roll back into the penalty area, you may take red penalty area relief on the putting green side of the penalty area.
- The area above the green, where the flower beds used to be, is red staked, but not green-tipped.

Hole #14

- A ball hit right of the cart path is out of bounds. If a ball is hit toward the trees on the right of the fairway, a provisional ball should be hit in case the original ball is lost or out of bounds.

Hole #15

- There is no free relief from the flower bed behind the green.
- If a ball comes to rest near the stone wall next to the green such that the player cannot take a normal stroke, the player may drop in the same type of grass, no closer to the hole, such that the player may make a normal stroke.

Hole #16

- Any ball hit into the blue staked area by the mine shaft door may take nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole, without penalty. The ball may not be placed in the fairway unless that is the nearest point of relief.

Hole #17

- If a ball is hit into the penalty area in front of the tee boxes, you may go to the drop zone near the green, hitting your third shot.