

Local Rule # 7 - Protection of Young Trees

If a tree is identified by support posts and/or wires or is less than 4-5 feet tall, and such tree interferes with a player's stance or area of his intended swing, the ball must be dropped in accordance with USGA Rule 24-2b.

Local Rule # 8 - Water Hazards and Lateral Hazards

If it is impracticable to determine whether a ball is in a hazard or would cause an undue delay to play to make the determination, a provisional ball may be played. In such a case if the provisional ball is played and the original ball is in a water hazard, the player may play the original ball as it lies or continue the provisional ball in play, but he may not proceed under USGA Rule 26-1.

Local Rule # 9 - Murdoch Cemetery (Blackheath)

On Hole #2, a ball in the cemetery must be lifted and dropped within one club length that is not nearer the hole and avoids interference of the cemetery without penalty.

Local Rule # 10 - Environmentally Sensitive Areas

The environmentally sensitive areas on Blackheath, between holes #14 & #15 and on Blue Heron, between holes #11 & #12 are marked by red stakes with green tops. Entry into these areas to retrieve a ball, or to play from are prohibited for environmental reasons. These areas are defined as a lateral water hazards and USGA Rule 26-1c governs play.

Local Rule # 11 - Electric Fans

The electric fans located on metal poles installed near the greens for air circulation over the greens are temporary immovable obstructions. Through the green the player shall lift the ball and drop it without penalty within one club-length of the point thus determined on a part of the course that is not nearer the hole, avoids interference and not in hazard or on the putting green.

Local Rule # 12 - Players Competing From Different Tees

Per USGA Handicap System, Section 3-5:

Because 1) handicaps are calculated to give a player a "reasonable potential" to have a net score equal to the Course Rating, and 2) because the courses have different ratings for each set of tees, there must be an equitable adjustment as stipulated in *The Rules of Golf*. When players are competing from 3 different tees; Gold, Silver and Bronze, they must use the handicap for the tee they are using, and subtract the adjustment.

Players playing from Silver tees competing with players playing from Gold tees must use the Silver tees computer handicap and, in addition, must subtract the difference in course rating between the Silver tees and Gold tees. (Ref: Board of Directors Policy for Players Competing from Different Tees)

Local Rule # 13 - Stones in Bunkers

Stones in bunkers may be regarded as "movable obstructions" (Ref: USGA Rule 24-1) and may be removed without penalty.

Local Rule # 14 - Relief From Interference by an Immovable Obstruction (Ref: USGA Rule 24-2)

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. The ball may be cleaned when lifted. (Implemented 10/ 1/2005)