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## LOCAL RULES

### Authority

The following local rules are in effect at Ford's Colony Country Club in accordance with The Rules of Golf, The United States Golf Association and the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews, Scotland.  
Effective Date: February 10, 2010

### Local Rule # 1 - Repair

Repair all divots with sand, fix ball marks on the green and rake bunkers.

### Local Rule # 2 - Out of Bounds

White stakes on the course and all paved and unpaved roads define Out of Bounds.

### Local Rule # 3 - Ball Drops

Course	Ball Drop		
	Bronze Tee	Silver Tee	Area Designated
Blackheath	3, 8, 12	18	15
Blue Heron		6, 17	
Marsh Hawk		14	17

A player has the option of using the designated ball drop area locations or compliance with USGA Rule 26 Water Hazards (including Lateral Water Hazards).

The designated drop areas require the ball to be dropped, not teed.

### Local Rule # 4 - Embedded Ball

Modification of USGA Rule 25-2: A ball embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground through the green may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay, but not closer to the hole.

### Local Rule # 5 - Mulch Areas With Flowers and Bushes (Plants)

1. A player whose ball lands in a mulch area and is near or under flowers or a bush (plant) where a swing or stance would damage the flowers or bush (plant) if the ball was played from that location must take relief.
2. The player shall lift and drop ball within one club length of the nearest point of relief outside the mulch bed, without penalty based on the following conditions: not nearer the hole, and not in a hazard or on the green. The ball may be cleaned. If the ball cannot be found it must be treated as a lost ball.  
Ref: USGA Rule 27

### Local Rule # 6 - Mulch Area Ditch

The v-groove/drainage ditch that surrounds a mulch area should be treated as "Hole by Greens Keeper". If a ball comes to rest in the v-groove/drainage ditch that surrounds a mulch area, the player may lift the ball and drop it without penalty within one club length of the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole. The nearest point of relief must not be on a hazard or on the putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this rule.