



MODEL LOCAL RULES (Section 8 – USGA) ADOPTED BY THE CLUB

Notice to Players

A Local Rule is a modification of a Rule or an additional Rule that the Club/Committee adopts for general play or a particular competition. The Club/Committee is responsible for deciding whether to adopt any Local Rules and for making sure they are consistent with the guidelines provided in Section 8(1) of the Rules, Model Local Rules.

The Club/Committee must not use a Local Rule to waive or modify a Rule of Golf simply because it might prefer a Rule to be different. USGA Rules govern all play. Unless otherwise provided, penalty for breach of a local rule is: Stroke Play-Two Strokes, Match Play-Loss of Hole. The following Local Rules have been adopted by the Club at Prescott Lakes and adhere to the Model Local Rules found in The Rules of Golf under section 8:

Out of Bounds:

Defined by the course-side edges at ground level of boundary walls, perimeter fence posts, public roads, white stakes and lines connecting other boundary markings. A ball that comes to rest beyond the boundary of the hole being played is considered out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

Penalty Areas:

Are defined by Red or Yellow Stakes or Lines. Special Penalty Area markings (8B-2 Model Local Rules in USGA Rules of Golf) are defined by Red Stakes with Blue Tops. These penalty area markings are used to define the penalty area line defining the area. Holes #18 and #2 use these markings and they define the inside edge of the cart path as the defined edge of the Red Penalty Area. The cart path is deemed to be in the penalty area. When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. Hole #3 and #12 are marked as Yellow Penalty areas. Proceed under Rule 17 for relief options.

Dropping Zones:

Under Rule 17 and in conjunction with Model Local Rule 8E-1 the club has established optional dropping zones on hole #7, #11 and #12. All other holes proceed under rule 17 for relief options. In absence of a marked drop zone, please drop your ball within one club length of the drop zone marker (*one penalty stroke*).

Abnormal Course Conditions:

Ground under repair is defined by any area encircled by a white line. Animal holes, areas that have been aerified, aerification holes, newly sodded areas including seams in newly sodded areas and areas disturbed by golf maintenance are considered abnormal course conditions. Newly planted, staked trees are also considered abnormal course conditions. For relief proceed under Rule 16.

Immovable Obstructions:

Sprinkler heads near the green are considered immovable obstructions. Relief from interference by these objects in the general area may be taken under Rule 16. In addition, if a ball lies off the putting green but not in a penalty area and an immovable obstruction (sprinkler head) on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball interferes with 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 of relief, not nearer the hole, avoids interference and is not in a penalty area or on the green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

Weather Suspensions:

When there is imminent danger and the committee declares an immediate suspension of play, all players must stop play at once, not make another stroke until the resumption of play.

The signal for suspended play is one prolonged not on the siren. All player are to seek shelter off the course.

The signal for resumption of play is three short notes on the siren.

Provisional Ball:

See attached document explaining when you can play a provisional ball. Rule 18.

Provisional Ball in a Penalty Area:

Model Local Rule 8B-3 modifies the provisional ball Rule 18.3 in the following way:

In unusual cases, the size, shape or location of a penalty area may be such that:

- The player cannot see whether the ball is in a penalty area
- It would unreasonably delay play if the player had to go forward to look for the ball before returning to play another ball either under penalty of stroke and distance or another option under Rule 17
- If the original ball is not found, it would be known or virtually certain that the ball is in the penalty area

For these situations the committee/club has chosen to modify Rule 18.3 as such:

If a player does not know whether their ball is in the penalty area, the player may play a provisional ball under rule 18.3, which is modified in this way: In playing the provisional ball the player may use any relief area under rule 17.1(d) including available dropping zones. Once the player has played a provisional ball under this rule the player may not use further options under Rule 17.1 relative to the original ball. If the original ball is found to be in the Penalty area within three minutes the player may choose to play that ball as it lies in which case the provisional ball is abandoned. Otherwise, the player must abandon the original ball and continue to play the provisional ball. Additionally, if the original ball is not found within three-minute search time or is known or virtually certain to be in the penalty area, the provisional ball becomes the ball in play.