

Local Rules for Callippe Senior Golf Club Tournaments

Effective December 2020

USGA [Rules of Golf](#), Callippe Preserve Golf Course Local Rules and the following govern play:

1. **Aeration Holes** – If a player’s ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

(a) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.

(b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player’s stance or, on the putting green, on the player’s *line of play*.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: *General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a*.

2. **Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds**

When a player’s ball has not been found or is *known or virtually certain* to be *out of bounds*, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under *stroke and distance*.

For **two penalty strokes**, the player may take relief by *dropping* the original ball or another ball in this *relief area* (see Rule 14.3):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

a. **Ball Reference Point:** The point where the original ball is estimated to have:

- Come to rest on the course, or
- Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.

b. **Fairway Reference Point:** The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the *hole* than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, “fairway” means any area of grass in the *general area* that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be *lost* on the *course* or last crossed the edge of the *course* boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between:

- A line from the *hole* through the ball reference point (and within two *club-lengths* to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the *hole* through the fairway reference point (and within two *club-lengths* to the fairway side of that line).

But with these limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must be in the *general area*, and
- Must not be nearer the *hole* than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball *in play* under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was *lost* or *out of bounds* is no longer *in play* and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the *course* before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

But the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is *known* or *virtually certain* to have come to rest in a *penalty area*, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of *stroke and distance* (see Rule 18.3).

A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

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3. **Cracks in Ground** – Cracks in the ground in parts of the *general area* cut to fairway height or less are *ground under repair*. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

But interference does not exist if cracks only interfere with the player's stance.

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4. **Drop Zone** – The drop zone on Hole 10 is not in play for club tournaments. If uncertain as to whether ball is in barranca or not, proceed under Local Rule 5.

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5. **Provisional Ball** – If a player does not know whether his ball is in a *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 the *stroke-and-distance* relief option (see Rule 17.1d(1)), the back-on-the-line relief option (see Rule 17.1d(2)) or, if it is a red *penalty area*, the lateral relief option (see Rule 17.1d(3)).

Once the player has played a *provisional ball* under this Rule, he may not use any further options under Rule 17.1 in relation to the original ball.

In deciding when that *provisional ball* becomes the player's ball *in play* or if it must or may be abandoned, Rule 18.3c(2) and 18.3c(3) apply except that:

- **When Original Ball Is Found in Penalty Area Within Three-Minute Search Time.** The player may choose either to:
 - Continue to play the original ball as it lies in the *penalty area*, in which case the *provisional ball* must not be played. All strokes with that *provisional ball* before it was abandoned

(including *strokes* made and any penalty strokes solely from playing that ball) do not count, or

- Continue to play the *provisional ball* in which case the original ball must not be played.
- **When Original Ball Is Not Found Within Three-Minute Search Time or Is Known or Virtually Certain to Be in Penalty Area.** The *provisional ball* becomes the player's ball *in play*.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: *General Penalty*.

6. **Starting Time** – When allowed by the Starter, players may start their round ahead of the scheduled time without penalty (see Rule 5.3a).
7. **Unreasonable Delay** – All of our events are timed (including shotgun starts). Markers must record the Start time (when the first stroke is made) and the Middle and Finish Times (when the green is clear on the middle hole of the round and the final hole of the round) for each group. The *Committee* will assign penalty times for missing (or fictitious) timing records.

If a group finishes the *round* more than 15 minutes behind the group in front of them and over 4 hours 40 minutes from the time of starting, all players in the group are subject to the *General Penalty Under Rule 5.6a*, which will be applied at the sole discretion of the *Committee* at the scoring table.

Wet Conditions

When notified by the Starter that “winter rules” are in effect or that you may “lift, clean and place”, the following Local Rules apply:

1. **Cleaning Ball** – When a player's ball lies in the *general area*, the ball may be lifted, cleaned and *replaced* without penalty. The player must *mark* the spot before lifting the ball (see Rule 14.1) and the ball must be *replaced* on its original spot (see Rule 14.2).
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2. **Preferred Lies** – When a player's ball lies in the *general area* of the hole being played and cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this *relief area*:
 - **Reference Point:** Spot of the original ball.
 - **Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point:** one *club-length*, but with these limits:
 - Must not be nearer the *hole* than the reference point, and
 - Must be in the *general area*.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for *replacing* the ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

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