

## LVWGA LOCAL RULES Page 1 of 3

(Rev. of local rules effective 03-06-2024)

### Local Rules: General

- 1) The LVWGA allows nearest point of relief from deer droppings, fire ants, rocks, and roots.
- 2) The ball shall be played as it lies(down) unless specified by the Play Day Chairwoman (or the assistant in charge) for a specific round or a specific length of time.
- 3) A player may change to another ball IF IT IS DONE TO SPEED UP PLAY. Finish the hole with the substituted ball.
- 4) Nearest relief may be obtained from drainage ditches and unfilled ditches dug for the purpose of sprinkler line installation, no closer to the hole and on the same line where the ball originally lied. No penalty.
- 5) When a ball comes to rest in standing water in a bunker, it may be lifted, cleaned and placed no closer to the hole in the bunker. If that is impossible: lift, clean and place outside the bunker, keeping the bunker between you and the pin.
- 6) A ball striking the yardage marker in the middle of the fairway shall be played as rub of the green.
- 7) All putts are to be holed out on all LVWGA playdays.
- 8) All rakes are to be placed inside the sand bunkers.
- 9) Nearest point of relief may be taken from areas that are marked Ground Under Repair (GUR) without penalty.
- 10) It is illegal to change balls on the putting green unless the player's competitors agree that the original ball is unplayable. Breach of this rule incurs a 2-stroke penalty.

**Local Rules: Specific Holes:**

**#11 a.** If the ball comes to rest in the cement drainage ditch, the ball will be dropped as nearly as possible to the point from which it first entered the ditch, no closer to the hole, without penalty.

**b.** If a ball comes to rest in the rock ditch crossing the fairway in front of the green, it is considered to be in an abnormal ground condition. You may drop the ball within 2 club lengths, no closer to the hole, and on the same line as where it entered the ditch, without penalty.

**#14 a.** If your ball strikes the wires or post surrounding the pond, the ball may be replayed, without penalty.

**b.** If the player's tee shot lands in the pond, the player has 2 options:

1. Re-tee the ball, hitting stroke three from the tee box
2. Carry the ball to the other side of the pond, hitting stroke 4. Place the ball within 2 club lengths to the left or right of the 150 yard marker, no closer to the hole.

**#16** If the ball comes to rest in the bamboo, rolls through the fence, or is in the area marked by red stakes, it is considered to be in a **hazard**. It can be played **AS IT LIES, OR** dropped within 2 club lengths from where it first entered the hazard, no closer to the hole, with a 1-stroke penalty.

**Local Rules: *Temporary***

***New temporary local rule on greens:***

If your ball is on the green, you may take relief from unfavorable conditions by moving your ball to the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole. No relief is given from conditions if your ball is not on the green. 9-27-2023

***New temporary local rule for putting on the greens:***

There is a maximum 2-putt on the greens. However, your first putt must remain on the green to claim the 2 putts. If your 1<sup>st</sup> putt goes off the green, you must first chip back onto the green and then the maximum 2 putt can be taken from there as long as the ball stays on the green with your next putt. 9-27-2023

***#15 Temporary Local Rule:***

Due to conditions beyond our control there has been a temporary addition to our rules.

If your approach shot passes the temporary drop area and rolls back down the hill to the right you have several options.

1. If your ball goes out of bounds you can bring it back in bSounds, play it from that point. No penalty.
2. There has been a temporary drop area created about 100 yards from the green. If your ball passes that point and rolls back down, you may drop at the drop area or bring your ball from that point directly across the fairway toward the cart path and drop no closer to the hole. No penalty.
3. If your ball comes to rest in the area that was temporarily created to stop the ball, you may play it from there, behind the stop area, or bring it to the drop area. No penalty.

In the past few weeks the grass has begun to grow down the right side of the fairway and hopefully will continue to do so and this temporary rule can be eliminated.

Submitted by Elizabeth Starr, Rules Chairman

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***Bamboo on #16:***

Rule was discussed regarding the Bamboo area on hole #16 and how it should be played. If the ball comes to rest in the bamboo by the water treatment plant, rolls through the fence, or is in the area marked by red stakes, it is considered to be in a **hazard**. It can be

played **AS IT LIES, OR** dropped within two club lengths from where it first entered the hazard, no closer to the hole, with a one-stroke penalty.

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