

LOCAL RULES OF GOLF FOR HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE COURSES

Unless otherwise noted, the **penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition** is:

Match Play – Loss of Hole

Stroke Play – Two Strokes

1. **Out of Bounds – Rule 27.**

- Defined by inside edge of white stakes at ground level. Public streets, parking lots, club houses and maintenance facilities are out of bounds. Typically, the edge of the road or curb nearest the golf course is the boundary. A ball that crosses such a boundary is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

2. **Integral Parts of the Course.**

- Artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards.
- Cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees.

3. **Water Hazards and Lateral Water Hazards – Rule 26.**

- When both stakes and lines define a water hazards, the stakes identify the hazard and the lines define the hazard margin.
- When a lateral water hazard is defined only on one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity.

4. **Movable Obstructions – Appendix I-B5**

- Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions

5. **Immovable Obstructions – Rule 24-2.**

- White lined areas tying into artificially surfaced roads and paths or obstructions are deemed to have the same status as the obstruction and are not ground under repair.
- Landscaped garden areas completely encircled by an obstruction are deemed to be a part of the obstruction.
- Unmarked drain pipes and culverts and the surrounding screens, grates, concrete or hand-laid rocks are immovable obstructions and relief without penalty is available under Rule 24-2 unless it is clearly unreasonable to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than the obstruction. The area adjacent to the obstruction is deemed to be an integral part of the course.

6. **Temporary Immovable Obstruction (TIO) – Appendix I-B7.**

- Electrical fans, supporting wires and cables.
- Relief for intervention (line of sight) as well as lie of ball, stance, and area of intended swing.

7. **Abnormal Ground Conditions – Appendix I-B4e.**

- Sod seams through the green are deemed to be ground under repair. All seams within the sodded area are considered to be the same seam. Relief is available for lie of ball and area of intended swing ONLY (no relief for stance).
- All ornamental flower beds throughout the course are mandatory relief areas. Relief is taken under Rule 25-1. If the flower bed is in a water hazard, the player must proceed under Rule 26-1 incurring a one stroke penalty.

8. **Embedded Ball Through the Green – Appendix I-B4a**

- Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. A ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

Exception:

1. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown.
2. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule.

9. **Distance measuring devices – Appendix I-B9**

- Distance measuring devices will be allowed as long as they measure distance only. The use of devices that gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g., wind, elevation, or gradient) are not permitted.