

ANTELOPE HILLS WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

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Amended: October 10, 2024

The following local rules apply to both the North and South Courses.

- Tree Roots (Local Rule F 9.1)
 - If a player's ball is at rest in a portion of the general area including fairway rough, and there is interference from exposed tree roots, the tree roots are treated as Ground Under Repair. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. Interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with a player's stance.
- Cart Paths (Local Rule F-17)
 - All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.
- Sprinkler Heads around the Putting Green Rule 16.1
 - The player may take relief if an immovable obstruction (Sprinkler Head) is on the line of play within 2 club lengths of the putting green, and within 2 club lengths of the ball. The player must lift and drop the ball at the nearest point to where the ball lies not nearer the hole, avoids the immovable obstruction and is not in a hazard or on the putting green. The ball may be cleaned.

The following local rule applies to the North Course.

- French Drain on #14 North
 - The drainage ditch on the left side of the fairway filled with gravel and river rock is considered an immovable obstruction. If your ball touches the obstruction or the obstruction interferes with your stance or swing you may take free relief.

The following local rules apply to the South Course.

- Red Penalty Area Next to Bunker #7 South.
 - There are three relief options when a ball has crossed into a red penalty area: **lateral relief, back on the line relief, and stroke and distance**. If a player's ball last crosses where lateral relief is in a bunker, the player may use the **lateral relief** option by dropping the ball in the bunker for a one stroke penalty.
- Drainage Area #17 South
 - There is a drainage area just past the ditch on the left-hand side of the fairway in the rough. If the grass in this area is longer than the grass in the rest of the rough, this area should be treated as Ground Under Repair. Furthermore, If the player is virtually certain that their ball has landed in this area, yet is unable to find the ball, they should take free relief. Find your nearest point of complete relief, no closer to the hole. The relief area is measured as one club-length.

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Preferred Lies (also known as Lift Clean and Place) Effective December 1 – March 31

Model Local Rule E-3

“When a player’s ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: 6 inches
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
 - Must be in the general area.

Temporary Rule During Winter Play

The course cuts three hole locations on the green every winter because the ground freezes. Two of the holes will be plugged with a green cap. If these caps are in your line of play you are entitled to free relief to be implemented as follows:

- You must be on the green to get free relief
- Relief is nearest point of relief no closer to the hole
- Place the ball on the green

Suspended Play or Cancel Play due to Inclement Weather

Inclement weather prior to play

- The Tournament Chair or Sweeps Chair may cancel a round the day prior if it has been determined the course is not playable. The Chair will make a reasonable attempt to contact members with a cancellation notice.

Inclement weather the morning of play

- The Tournament Chair or Sweeps Chair will cancel the round if the course is Walking Only.
- Members may opt to play but no AHWGA game will be recognized.

Inclement weather and or lightning during play

- The Tournament Chair or Sweeps Chair will either temporarily suspend play or cancel play if the weather conditions dictate.
- Suspending play – players on the field will be asked to mark the ball position (using a tee), and clear the field. If the weather clears within: 30 minutes, the players will resume play from their last position.
- In the event of lightning, a player may suspend play without penalty (Rule 5.7a). The Tournament Chair or Sweeps Chair must be notified as soon as possible.
- The Tournament Chair or Sweeps Chair may cancel play if determined course conditions are not safe to continue.
- Scoring will follow the USGA Rules of golf if a play has been cancelled.