



2025 WMGA Local Rules

USGA rules govern all play except where modified by the following local rules.

1. Hole by hole - Local Rules

- i. **Hole 7** – A tee shot landing short left in the marked penalty area as defined by Yellow Stakes, the player may utilize the Gold markers' Teeing Area as a drop zone. After dropping the player is hitting 3. Ball may not be teed up from the drop zone.
- ii. **Hole 14** – A tee shot landing short right in the marked penalty area as defined by Red Stakes, A player may then utilize the Gold markers' Teeing Area as a drop zone. After dropping the player is hitting 3. Ball may not be teed up from the drop zone.
- iii. Green tips on red or yellow stakes define an environmentally sensitive area and a player may not enter nor play a ball from these areas.
- iv. **Hole 6, 8, 9, & 18** – Out of Bounds penalty Area as defined by white stakes or border fence shall be played utilizing stroke and distance as outlined in the rules of golf.
 - i. *Stroke-and-Distance Relief*: The player may play the original ball or another ball from where the previous stroke was made (see [Rule 14.6](#)).
 - ii. *Previous Stroke Made from Teeing Area*: The original ball or another ball must be played from anywhere inside the teeing area (and may be teed) under [Rule 6.2b](#).
 - iii. The use of a drop in fairway parallel to the entry point of out-of-bounds with 2 strokes is NOT permitted in WMGA events.

2. Players shall play "Ready Golf" to maintain a quick Pace of Play.

3. Be sure to hit a provisional if the location of your shot is in question. Encourage your playing partners to do the same.

4. When play for the entire 18 hole course is restricted to **Cart Path Only** it is permissible to Lift/Clean/Place if the ball is in your own fairway.

- i. If a single hole (or a select few holes) are restricted to Cart Path Only (CPO) on the course then the "abnormal course conditions" (see [Rule 16.1](#)) rules will apply. On those holes it is permissible to Lift/Clean/Place if the ball is in your own fairway.

5. Relief from divots - in your own fairway

- i. To improve speed of play and increase enjoyment all players may receive relief from divots – in your OWN fairway only.
 - i. Player should notify other members in the group that a DROP is being taken.
 - ii. DROP should be the [nearest point of relief](#) – within one club-length of the original location and should be no nearer to the hole.

6. Relief from bunkers - lift, rake, and DROP.

- i. To address the adverse conditions of the bunkers, all WMGA players may elect to lift, rake and then DROP their ball.
- ii. Player must DROP the ball as close to its original spot within the bunker and ensure it is no closer to the hole. See [USGA dropping rules](#) for steps to take a proper drop.