

## 2021 Palmer Club Local Rules

1. Out of Bounds are defined by: white stakes, wrought iron boundary fences, wire fencing along vacant lots, outside edge of the cart path (closest to the greens) behind holes #9 and #18, and along the left side of hole #14. A ball on the cart path is in bounds and entitled to relief on right side of cart path. Right of the penalty areas on the right side of hole #8 is out of bounds. All public roads are out of bounds.
  - 1a. If a ball crosses a public road and comes to rest on the course, it is out of bounds.
  - 1b. Landscape rock areas next to wrought iron property fences and all boundary fences are Ground Under Repair, unless White Out of Bounds stakes are present making the rocks out of bounds. The landscape rocks in the bunker on hole #13 are Ground Under Repair unless the ball is touching the water and then it is in the penalty area.
2. All penalty areas are defined by Red Stakes/Lines. If Red Stakes/Lines are not present the penalty area line is defined by the outside edge of the wall. The wall is part of the penalty area and there is no relief from the wall.
3. On holes #6, #8, #13 and #16: if your ball lands in the water without crossing the penalty area line on the other side of the penalty area, it has not crossed the penalty area line. You may choose to hit your next shot from the Tee or the designated Drop Areas while incurring one penalty stroke.
4. The Waste Areas on holes #4 and #18 and Grass Bunkers on holes #11, #12 and #14 are not “bunkers” or “penalty areas” under the rules of golf. You must play the ball as it lies.
5. If a ball lies off the putting green, but not in a penalty area, and an Immovable Obstruction (e.g. sprinkler head) is within two club-lengths of the putting green and the ball lies within two club-lengths of the immovable obstruction which intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the ball may be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lies that (A) is not nearer the hole, (B) avoids intervention, and (C) is not in a hazard or on the putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.
6. Staked and/or wired trees are Ground Under Repair. Free relief to the nearest point no closer to the hole if the tree interferes with swing or stance. Staked and/or wired trees are not obstructions, therefore line of sight relief is not permitted.
7. French Drains are Ground Under Repair.
8. The Embedded Ball Rule is in effect anywhere (except in a bunker) in the general area (new term for ‘through the green’).
9. If your ball lies in or touching goose droppings you may have free relief to the nearest point no closer to the hole.
10. If you are unsure of a rule, play a provisional ball. Both balls must be holed and both scores kept until the rules official/committee decide which ball shall be counted.

Jim Kepler, General Manager, Rules Official

In the absence of Mr. Kepler, DVPC board members will act as the Rules Official