

Blackhawk Local Rules

(Effective as of April 1, 2023)

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and the R&A govern play. These Local Rules supplement and/or modify the Rules of Golf and are in effect for all general play and all events/tournaments at Blackhawk.

Out of Bounds--Defined by white stakes or lines (lines prevail) and by perimeter fencing on holes 13, 16 and 17, with the boundary edge defined by the line between the course-side points of the fence posts or white stakes at ground level. On hole 7, if there is no white line near the railroad tracks, then out of bounds is defined by the course-side edge of the course-side track of the railroad tracks. In addition, a ball that crosses Lake Mendota Drive and comes to rest beyond Lake Mendota Drive is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

Free Relief Areas--Cart paths, monuments (but not Indian Mounds—see below), flower beds and areas covered by mulch or wood chips are treated as abnormal course conditions and the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b (one club-length from the nearest point of complete relief).

Indian Mounds--The Indian Mounds on holes 11, 12, 14, 15, and 16, which are shown in green on the Blackhawk Indian Mounds Map, are no play zones in abnormal course conditions from which play is prohibited. The Blackhawk Indian Mounds Map may be found on the Blackhawk website, the scorecard or by clicking [here](#). The edge of each no play zone is defined by the edge of the grass that is longer than normal rough height. If a player's ball lies in the no play zone or the no play zone interferes with the player's area of intended stance or swing, the player must take free relief under Rule 16.1b (one club-length from the nearest point of complete relief).

Aeration Holes—Model Local Rule E-4 is in effect. See text of Model Local Rule below.

Relief from Seams of Cut Turf--Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect. See text of Model Local Rule below.

Preferred Lies—Model Local Rule E-3 is only in effect when the pro shop/tournament committee has announced that “preferred lies” will be played on that particular day. See text of Rule below.

Hole 7 Construction Area—The construction area on the right side of hole 7 between the course-side edge of the yellow rope and out of bounds (defined by the course-side edge of the course-side track of the railroad tracks) is ground under repair. If a player's ball lies in the ground under repair or the ground under repair interferes with the player's area of intended stance or swing, the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b (one club-length relief from the nearest point of complete relief).

Model Local Rules

Model Local Rule E-4: Relief from Aeration Holes

“If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

- (a) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.
- (b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a."

Model Local Rule F-7: Relief from Seams of Cut Turf

"If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing:

(a) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

(b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's *stance*.

All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after *dropping* the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: *General Penalty* Under Rule 14.7a."

Model Local Rule E-3: Preferred Lies. This model local Rule is only in effect when the pro shop/tournament committee has announced that "preferred lies" will be played on that particular day.

"When any part of a player's ball touches part of the *general area* cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this *relief area*:

- **Reference Point:** Spot of the original ball.
- **Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point:** Within one (1) club-length from the reference point, but with these limits:
- **Limits on Location of Relief Area:**
 - Must not be nearer the *hole* than the reference point, and
 - Must be in the *general area*.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for *replacing* a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e. **But**, for the purposes of applying Rule 14.2e, the player has only chosen the spot on which to place the ball once the ball has been set down, and the player has let the ball go with the intent for that ball to be in play.

After a ball has been placed and is in play under this Local Rule, if the player then proceeds under another Rule that provides relief, this Local Rule may be used again.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: *General Penalty* Under Rule 14.7a