

Braintree Men's Golf Association Local Rules

Basic Rules & Guidelines

No practice is allowed anywhere on the golf course other than designated areas.

Players are instructed to play the ball down, from tee through the green, NO relief is awarded from ANY divots, tree stumps or tree roots.

Hazards are defined geographically and/or by distinctive feature and usually further defined by stakes. Refer to the scorecard and USGA Rules of Golf for added guidance. USGA Rule Booklets are available in the Barry Room.

- **White Stakes – 1 stroke penalty, a player must:**
 - * Play a ball from the original spot (same as lost ball).

- **Yellow Stakes – 1 stroke penalty, a player may:**
 - * Play a ball at the spot from which the original ball was last played; or
 - * Drop a ball behind the water hazard, keeping the point where the original ball last crossed the water hazard margin directly between the hole and the spot where the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the water hazard the ball may be dropped.

- **Red Stakes – 1 stroke penalty, a player has additional options beyond those described above, if the ball last crossed the margin of a lateral water hazard, drop ball outside water hazard within 2 club-lengths of, and no nearer to the hole, than:**
 - * The point where the original ball crossed the margin of the hazard; or
 - * A point on the opposite margin of the water hazard equidistant from the hole.

- **Relief Areas– No penalty. One club length, no nearer to the hole, from the nearest point of relief, if a players stance or swing is interfered by the following obstructions:**
 - * All roads and cart paths.
 - * Man-made bridges over brooks on Holes: #6, #7, #12, #16, #17
 - * Man-made drainage ditches and rough growing at edge of Drains (i.e. Hole #8) *
 - Weather Station and surrounding fence on Hole #18.
 - * Sprinkler heads relief is awarded ONLY IF the sprinkler head interferes with the players stance or swing.
 - * Aeration holes from tee through the green.
 - * Bird houses as defined by:
 - **If your ball is in the hazard, no relief is awarded.
 - **If your ball is outside the hazard, a Free Drop is awarded away from the obstruction ONLY IF the players swing OR stance is affected.
 - * Ground under repair is defined as (areas marked with a blue or white circle) including:
 - ** Areas marked with a blue or white paint circle (I.E. 'GUR).
 - ** Any pile of Aeration plugs or newly spread/manicured Aeration plugs.
 - ** Fenced area of goat pen or any other areas created for the goats to 'work.

- ** **Embedded (plugged) ball rule is in effect through the green excluding hazards and bunkers. A ball MUST BE in it's own pitch mark for the player to be awarded free relief.**

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Hole #1

- Out of Bounds Left Defined by stakes, Property Lines & Fences – Tee to Green

Hole #2

- Out of Bounds Left Defined by Fence, staked swamp and boulder area – Tee to Green · Lateral Hazard on Right – Tee to Green, defined by stakes, tree line & marshy areas
- Water Hazard on Right ("Burley's Pond") – near Green

Hole #3

- Out of Bounds Left Defined by Fence

Hole #4

- Out of Bounds Left Defined by Parking Lot & Fence on Left; Tee to Green · Water Hazard (Pond) behind Green
- Lateral Hazard on Left – Over Cart Path adjacent to, and beyond Green

Hole #5

- Out of Bounds on Left – Defined by Fence
- Lateral Hazard on Right Pond behind service road, woods and cart path

Hole #6

- Out of Bounds on Left – Defined by white stakes or in the absence of stakes, by the right side boundary of the Reservoir Service Road
- Lateral Hazard on Left Tee to Intersection of Pond and Reservoir Service Road · Lateral Hazard on Right Area before Pond to path to 7th tee and around green · Water Hazard (Stream) immediately in front of gold teeing area

Hole #7

- Water Hazard (Brook) crossing fairway
- Grass walkway over the brook is NOT considered part of the hazard, as defined by the hazard stakes.
- Lateral Hazard on Left – Defined by Pond from tee to Brook in front of green · Lateral Hazard on Right From Tee through Green

Hole #8

- Out of Bounds on Left – Defined by white stakes; Tee to Green
- Lateral Hazard on Left – Adjacent to, beyond and behind the Green.

Hole #9

- Water Hazard – Defined by marsh area in Front of Tee
- Lateral Hazard on Left – Defined by tree line from Tee to behind Green

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Hole #10

- Lateral Hazard on Left from Tee through Green and around back of Green
- Lateral Hazard on Right from Tee to opening leading to 11th gold tee ground

Hole #11

- Lateral Hazard on Left from Tee to 12th Tee – Primarily defined by the brook and its banks with further definition provided by staking
- Lateral Hazard on Right from Tee to marsh area adjacent to Green

Hole #12

- Yellow staked Water Hazard (Brook) crossing fairway
- Grass walkway over the brook is NOT considered part of the hazard, as defined by the hazard stakes.
- Lateral Hazard on left of Brook to and around Green and pond on right.

Hole #13

- Lateral Hazard on Left from tee to green and behind green to 14th tee area
- Lateral Hazard on Right from road between 13th & 14th holes to behind green

Hole #14

- Lateral Hazard on Left defined by Pond
- Lateral Hazard on Right from tee to service road connecting 13th and 14th fairways
- Lateral Hazard on Right beginning behind the green and proceeding towards the 15th teeing area.

Hole #15

- Lateral Hazard on Left defined by Pond to green, behind and around green
- Lateral Hazard on Right from Tee to Path leading to 16th tee

Hole #16

- Water Hazard (Stream) crossing fairway
- Lateral Hazard on Right from tee to a service bridge leading to 10th tee
- Lateral Hazard on Left from Tee to behind and around back of green

Hole #17

- Yellow staked Water Hazard (Stream) Crossing fairway
- Lateral Hazard on Right from Tee to path leading to 18th hole
- Lateral Hazard on Left from Tee to Green and behind Green. Ball landing over chain link fence behind green is out of bounds
- 17th green putting line relief from drainage area is awarded ONLY IF the players ball is on the green

Hole #18

- Out of Bounds on Left defined by paved parking lot, cart barn, access road and wood fence directly behind clubhouse. Area further defined by White Stakes.
- Lateral Water Hazard on Right from Tee to beyond Green to Snack Shack.