

VICTOR HILLS GOLF ASSOCIATION
LOCAL RULES FOR MEMBERS' PLAY

USGA AND THE FOLLOWING RULES SHALL GOVERN PLAY:

1. STANDARD MARKINGS ARE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- OUT OF BOUNDS--WHITE STAKE
- WATER HAZARDS--YELLOW STAKES OR LINES (lines define margins)
- LATERAL WATER HAZARDS--RED STAKES OR LINES (lines define margins)
- GROUND UNDER REPAIR--WHITE LINES OR SIGNS

ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS DEFINED BY USGA RULES ARE NOT NECESSARILY MARKED. TURF GRASS NURSERIES, DAMAGE CAUSED BY ANIMAL HOOFS, NEWLY SODDED AREAS AND SEEDED AREAS ARE GROUND UNDER REPAIR.

2. GRAVELED AREAS, UNPAVED CART PATHS AND UNPAVED ROADWAYS ARE IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS.

3. TREES AND SHRUBS OUTSIDE WOODED AREAS WHICH ARE LESS THAN TWO CLUB LENGTHS HIGH, STAKED OR GUYED TREES AND FLOWER AND SHRUB GARDEN AREAS INCLUDING BORDERS ARE TO BE TREATED AS IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS FROM WHICH RELIEF IS MANDATORY. RULE 24-2.

4. EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN - LOCAL RULE AS PRESCRIBED IN APPENDIX I SHALL BE IN EFFECT.

5. STONES IN BUNKERS ARE MOVEABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (RULE 24-1 APPLIES).

6. STAKES, WIRE MESH & ROPES INSTALLED WITHIN WATER HAZARDS TO RESTRICT MIGRATORY BIRD MOVEMENT ARE IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS.

7. FOR ALL PLAY, A PLAYER MAY OBTAIN DISTANCE INFORMATION BY USE OF A DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICE. IF, DURING A *STIPULATED ROUND*, A PLAYER USES A DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICE TO GAUGE OR MEASURE OTHER CONDITIONS THAT MIGHT AFFECT HIS PLAY (E.G. ELEVATION CHANGE, WIND SPEED, ETC.) THE PLAYER IS IN BREACH OF RULE 14-3.

8. DAMAGE CAUSED BY ANIMAL HOOFS ON THE PUTTING GREEN MAY BE REPAIRED (RULE 25-1 DOES NOT APPLY)

9. ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF BALL ON PUTTING GREEN. RULES 18-2, 18-3 AND 20-1 ARE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: WHEN A PLAYERS BALL LIES ON THE PUTTING GREEN, THERE IS NO PENALTY IF THE BALL OR BALL-MARKER IS ACCIDENTLY MOVED BY THE PLAYER, HIS PARTNER, HIS OPPONENT, OR ANY OF THEIR CADDIES OR EQUIPMENT. THE MOVED BALL OR BALL MARKER MUST BE REPLACED PER RULES 18-2, 18-3 OR 20-1.

VHGA RULES COMMITTEE
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NOTE: RULE 9 ADDED TO REFLECT NEW USGA RULES.