

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 Stakes
- *Penalty Areas*- Yellow or Red Stakes or Lines(lines define margins)
- *Ground Under Repair*- White Lines or Signs

Penalty Areas include any body of water on the course (whether or not marked), including a sea, lake, pond, river, ditch, surface drainage ditch or other open water course (even if not containing water). Unmarked water bodies are red penalty areas.

Ground Under Repair areas defined by USGA rules are not necessarily marked. Damage caused by animal hoofs and newly sodded areas are also *Ground Under Repair* areas.

2. Graveled areas, unpaved cart paths and unpaved roadways are *Immovable Obstructions*.

3. Shrubs outside wooded areas, newly seeded areas, flower and shrub garden areas including borders and turf grass nurseries are *No Play Zones* from which relief per Rule 16 is mandatory.

4. *Out of Bounds* stakes between Holes 2 & 11 East are *Out of Bounds* for only Hole 11.

5. Stakes, wire mesh and ropes installed within Penalty Areas to restrict migratory bird movement are *Immovable Obstructions*.

6. A *reference point* equidistant from hole on the opposite side of stream may be used when a ball lies within streams on 13 North and 15 East.

7. When a *bunker* is flooded to an extent that the *point of maximum available relief* is in *temporary water* or water saturated sand or silt, the *bunker*, in this instance, may be treated as *ground under repair* and free relief taken per rule 16.1b outside the *bunker*. Other *bunkers* whether or not they contain *temporary water* are still *bunkers* for all purposes under the rules.

VHGA Rules Committee

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Notes:

Items in *italics* are USGA definitions.

Rules revised to reflect 2019 USGA Rules.

Rule 4 added since one way interior *Out of Bounds* now permitted in course setup guidelines.

Rule 6 added to speed up play

Rule 7 added to reduce the effect of temporary water in bunkers on scoring similar to a permitted USGA local rule text.