

Heron Lakes Women's Golf Club
Local Rules for 2021

Provisional ball: From *Model Local Rule 8B-3*.

If a player does not know whether her ball is in a yellow or red penalty area, the player may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3, which is modified in this way:

In playing the provisional ball, the player may use the stroke-and-distance relief option (see Rule 17.1d(1)), the back-on-the-line relief option (see Rule 17.1d(2)) or, if it is a red penalty area, the lateral relief option (see Rule 17.1d(3)). If a dropping zone is available for this penalty area, the player may also use that relief option. See *Model Local Rule 8B-3*.

In deciding when that provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play or if it must or may be abandoned, Rule 18.3c(2) and 18.3c(3) apply except that:

- When Original Ball Is Found in Penalty Area Within Three-Minute Search Time. The player may choose either to:
 - Continue to play the original ball as it lies in the penalty area, in which case the provisional ball must not be played. All strokes with that provisional ball before it was abandoned (including strokes made and any penalty strokes solely from playing that ball) do not count, or
 - Continue to play the provisional ball in which case the original ball must not be played.
- When Original Ball Is Not Found Within Three-Minute Search Time or Is Known or Virtually Certain to Be in Penalty Area, the provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play.

Aeration Holes: From *Model Local Rule 8E-4*.

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.

Preferred Lies (winter rules): See *Model Local Rule 8E-3 with the exception that 8E-3 limits preferred lies to the general area of the golf course cut to fairway height or less.*

Preferred Lies are in effect, if necessary and as determined by the days play captain. When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area (except within one club length of a tree, bush, bunker or penalty area) the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area. The player must first mark, then may lift, clean and place the ball no more than six inches from its original lie, but not nearer the hole.

Unraked bunkers under Covid-19 restriction

Treat disturbed or unraked areas in the bunker as ground under repair. The player may take free relief within one club length no closer to the hole, but must be in the bunker and the ball can be placed.

Native Grass – Penalty Areas on the Great Blue course:

All “native grass” areas will be deemed as **red penalty areas**. Even if not marked with stakes or lines, “native grass” is defined as including all long grass that is clearly outside of the cut lines for the normal rough. When a player’s shot enters and/or is lost in a native grass area, in addition to the option of playing a provisional shot, they may choose to take relief, under a penalty of one stroke, using one of the options available under Rule 17-1.

Note: When in doubt if an area should be considered “native grass”, player should seek consensus of their group. If there is still disagreement, play two balls and seek a ruling following play. Cell phones may be used to take a picture of the disputed area.

***General Area:** *All areas of the course except for (1) the teeing area, (2) all penalty areas, (3) all bunkers, and (4) putting green. See Definitions.*