

Heron Lakes Women's Golf Club
Local Rules for 2015

All play is governed by USGA The Rules of Golf, with the exceptions outlined in the Local Rules as printed below.

Water Hazard (Provisional Ball): A provisional ball may be played for a ball that may be in a water hazard in order to speed play. **If the drop area is used, the ball must be dropped from shoulder height with arm fully extended – it may not be placed on a tee.** *Rule 26-1 (Appendix I Par A2.b)*

Lateral Water Hazard: Greenback Hole #4 – The ditch along the right side of the fairway is a lateral water hazard and is to be played as such, even if a ball flies over it and into the field beyond. *Rule 26-1*

Ground Under Repair: Any ball that comes to rest within or touching drainage ditches filled with rocks and/or gravel may be played as being in ground under repair. Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage caused by players, golf carts or other traffic or wet conditions that materially affect the ground surface. *Rule 25-1*

Aerification Holes: If a ball comes to rest in an aerification hole, the player may, without penalty, lift and clean the ball. (The spirit of this relief clause is to grant player recourse only when the ball actually sits in an aerification hole – not if such holes happen to fall along the players putting line.) *Rule 25-1*

Distance Measuring Devices: The use of electronic measuring devices will be allowed during days play and tournaments. Devices that measure anything other than distance are non-conforming. **Any player who uses a non-conforming device will be disqualified.**

Preferred Lies (winter rules): Preferred Lies are in effect, if necessary and as determined by the days play captain. 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. Play must be made after this – do not move the ball again. Lie may be improved Through the Green* **except within one club length of a tree (bush or shrub) or a hazard.**

Embedded Ball: The embedded ball rule is in effect when playing Preferred Lies with the addition as follows: When an embedded ball is lost “beyond a reasonable doubt” in wet or soft turf, another ball may be put into play, as near as possible to the spot the original ball was lost, without penalty. *Rule 25-2*

Stones in Bunkers: Stones are by definition, loose impediments, and when a player's ball is in a hazard, a stone lying in or touching the hazard may not be touched or moved (*Rule 13-4*). However, stones in bunkers may represent a danger to players (a player could be injured by a stone struck by the player's club in an attempt to play the ball) and they may interfere with the proper playing of the game. (*Appendix Part B-5*) When agreement among the immediate competitors to the above scenario exists, the following local rule applies. **“Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (*Rule 24-1 applies*).”**

Through the green is defined as the entire area of the course except: a) the teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played; and b) all hazards on the course.*