

Fairwinds Golf Course Local Rules

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USGA RULES GOVERN ALL PLAY, UNLESS MODIFIED BY LOCAL RULES

Out of Bounds: Defined by white stakes, right #1, and left of pond #18, Rule 27-1. (Stakes right on #9 **are not O.B.** they apply to #18 only). The beginning and ending points of the internal *Out of Bounds* are defined by double white stakes and the extension of the line they create.

Lost Ball: Several holes have perimeters that are not marked (right #2, right #4, left/long #11, left #13), proceed under rule 27-1 and play as a *lost ball*.

Rule 27-2: ***If you think your ball may be lost or O.B., play a provisional ball.**

Water Hazards: All *water hazards* will be played as *lateral water hazards* and are defined by red stakes or lines, Rule 26.

Environmentally sensitive area behind #13 green marked by red stakes with green tops is restricted and **must not be entered**, play as a *lateral hazard*.

Obstructions: Cart paths, shelters, restrooms, maintenance buildings, airstrippers, wells, tee signs, ball washers, (benches are *movable obstructions*) and electrical boxes are *immovable obstructions* proceed under Rule 24-2; the player must lift and drop the ball without penalty within one club-length of and not nearer the *hole* than the *nearest point of relief*. The landscaping around electrical transfer boxes (metal boxes) are **not** a part of the *obstruction*, there is no “free relief” from landscaping or bushes.

Protection of Young Trees: If a tree with strapping interferes with a player’s *stance* or the area of his intended swing, the ball **must** be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b (*Immovable Obstruction*) mentioned above.

Abnormal Ground Conditions: If the *ball* or *stance* touches an area damaged by animals; wild hogs, sandhill cranes, armadillos or is infested by fire ants anywhere *through the green*, you may take free relief under rule 251-b. Drop ball, without penalty within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the *nearest point of relief*.

Embedded Ball Rule: is always in effect anywhere *through the green*. Rule 25-2.

Preferred lies: is in effect only during “Cart Path Only”, in your own fairway. You must mark, lift, clean and place the ball, no nearer the hole, within one club-length.

Pace of Play Policy: is 4 hours or less, please keep up with the group ahead, observe the Ranger “Pace of Play Flag Policy”, play ready golf and allow faster players through.

Golf Carts: Observe 90° cart rule at all times, **unless posted “cart path only”** and do not go beyond the white lines in front of the greens.
Carts are **not** allowed in the Parking Lot!

Course Etiquette: Please repair ball marks, fill divots with sand provided on golf carts, rake bunkers, and try to leave the golf course in better condition than you found it. Proper golf etiquette is equally as important as the Rules of Golf. A serious breach of etiquette could result in penalty and loss of playing privileges.