

GENERAL LOCAL RULES AT POINTE A PIERRE GOLF COURSE
(adapted from Medal Rules Oct 2023)

RULES

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT A RULING, PLEASE PLAY A SECOND BALL AND CLARIFY WITH THE RULES COMMITTEE/OFFICIAL BEFORE HANDING IN YOUR SIGNED CARD.**

*The decision of the Rules Committee/Official** is FINAL.* Play is governed by the most current Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A and USGA and by the following **Model Local Rules** as necessary:

1. Out of Bound Areas.

- All out of bounds areas are marked off with white paint or white stakes.
- All public roadways are out of bounds

2. PREFERRED LIES:

The player is allowed to lift, clean and place the ball within **{one club length/12 inches}***, not nearer the hole, **{on the fairway in play ONLY/General Area cut to fairway height or less}*.** The player is allowed to mark clean and DROP the ball within one club length on other closely mown areas e.g. adjacent fairways – no nearer the hole. Cart paths leading to the fairways on holes 2/4/5/6/8/10/11/13/14/16/17 are designated as closely mown areas and part of the fairway in play.
(* Delete as appropriate)

3. FREE RELIEF:

- A Player, whose ball has become embedded in its own pitch mark, in a crack, comes to rest in a tractor rut or Ants hill is allowed free relief NOT nearer the hole, in the general area. Your marker must agree that your ball is embedded in its own pitch mark, in a crack, lying in a rut or ants hill.
- **Relief from Tree roots in Fairways: Model Local Rule F-9.1**"If a player's ball is at rest in a portion of the general area cut to fairway height or less and there is interference from exposed tree roots that are in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b. [**But** interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance].
- If your ball ends up in the drain behind #9 greens within the marked off area, then you must take relief on the slope behind by dropping your ball. If the ball rolls back into the drain, you drop again. At this time you mark the point at which the ball lands with a tee. If the ball rolls into the drain at the second drop again, you then place the ball within 12 inches of the tee, not nearer the hole. The ball is now in play.

4. GROUND UNDER REPAIR:

- Bare patches on Green #18 marked off by paint are considered as GUR and free relief is granted at the nearest point of relief, NOT nearer the hole.
- Materials piled in heaps on fairways are GUR even though these areas are NOT marked as GUR.
- Bare patches under trees on fairways are also considered GUR. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.
- GUR areas are marked off with white paint or green stakes.
- The marked off area to the left of #13 greens is ground under repair and relief is granted at the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole

5. BUNKERS: Played as normal

6. PENALTY AREAS

- All penalty areas are marked with red or yellow markers.

7. LOST BALL

- For a lost ball or a ball out of bounds, stroke and distance is enforced in accordance to the rules of golf. That is, you return from where the last shot was played for one penalty shot.
- Under the revised rules of golf (18.2a), the time for searching for a lost ball is now 3 minutes (instead of the previous 5 minutes). In the interest of pace of play, a player whose ball may be lost or out of bounds is encouraged to play a provisional ball before moving forward to begin the search for the original ball.
- Note that the three minutes starts when the player or his caddie begins the search for the ball.

8. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE (for Tournaments):

- In the event there is a tie, then a countback will be done using the best score in the back nine holes, the back six holes, the back three holes and finally the last back hole. The back holes in this instance will be the back nine holes (10-18) In the event that there is still a tie, then, the player will toss for placement.

9. ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS CURTAILING GAME (For Tournaments):

In the event that rain disrupts play and prevents all players from completing the game, the rules committee will determine how scores are to be computed.

10. SCORECARDS:

Each player is responsible for promptly returning his\her Scorecard signed by the Marker and the Player, no more than 15 min after completing the rounds. Note that the score card will not be accepted if returned by anyone one who is not the player.

11. Pace of Play

Players must make every attempt to keep up with the players ahead of them.

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