

RPVGC Local Rules

Out of Bounds

All external boundaries of the golf course.

Defined by the line between the course side fence points at ground level of all boundary fences.

Hole 1: A ball coming to rest on or over the asphalt path to the right of the first fairway.

Hole 1: A ball coming to rest on or over the path at the back of the first green leading to the ninth tee.

Hole 9: A ball coming to rest on or over the asphalt path to the right of the ninth fairway.

Penalty: Stroke and Distance

Alternate Penalty: If a player's ball is Out of Bounds or Lost, a **two-stroke penalty** and drop is allowed to promote a healthy pace of play. The drop is taken one club length onto the fairway at an equal distance to where the ball crossed out of bounds or was most likely to be lost.

Recommended: If you think your ball may be lost or out of bounds, please hit a provisional ball.

Red Penalty Areas are No Play Zones (NPZ)

Holes 5, 6, 7, & 8:

Defined by the inside edge of the tram rail pylons of the hole you are playing.

A ball coming to rest past the inside edge of any tram rail pylon is in the penalty area and must not be played.

Penalty: 1 Stroke

Holes 2,3 & 4: Sports Ovals

A ball coming to rest on any sports oval is in a Red penalty area and must not be played.

Penalty: 1 Stroke

Relief Options

1. Take relief by playing a ball from an area based on where the previous stroke was made.
2. Take back-on-the-line relief by dropping a ball outside the penalty area, keeping the relief point between the hole and the spot where the ball is dropped.
3. Take lateral relief. The reference point for taking relief is the point where the ball crossed, or most likely crossed, into the penalty area. A ball must be dropped in and played within two club lengths of the reference point, no nearer the hole.

Ground under Repair (GUR)

Garden Beds are No Play Zones (NPZ):

These are marked with RPGC hazard signs and are ground under repair (GUR). They contain shrubs up to approx 2m in height. The garden bed extends to a point beyond the shrubs where neither the stance nor stroke is impacted by the shrubs. A mulched area in front of a garden bed is part of the garden bed, up to the point where it meets the fairway or grass between the fairway and garden bed. Tree areas with tan bark are not part of the garden bed.

If you believe that your ball is lost in the garden bed, the same relief rule (below) applies.

Player MUST take a drop from GUR(NPZ) and no penalty applies. The reference point is the nearest point of complete relief in the general area, not nearer the hole. The drop should be within 1 club length of the reference point.

Protection of Young Trees:

All staked trees or trees less than 2 club length tall are GUR no play zones. This includes the stakes.

Player MUST take a drop from GUR(NPZ) and no penalty applies. The reference point is the nearest point of complete relief in the general area, not nearer the hole. The drop should be within 1 club length of the reference point.

Other GUR:

- Ball at rest in a crack in areas cut to fairway height or less. No relief for interference to stance only.
- Protruding tree roots on areas cut to fairway height or less or within 1 club length of fairway.
- All course maintenance works.

Player may take free relief. The reference point is the nearest point of complete relief in the general area, not nearer the hole. The drop should be within 1 club length of the reference point.

Immovable obstructions

- Protective fences.
- Black plastic irrigation pipes around trees.
- All artificial roads and paths.
- All safety screens.
- All stakes.
- All trees protected by plastic trays and bark chips that are not in hazard areas.

Player may take free relief. The reference point is the nearest point of complete relief in the general area, not nearer the hole. The drop should be within 1 club length of the reference point.

Line of Play Relief for Protective Fence:

Where a protective fence interferes with the line of play the player may take free relief. The reference point is the nearest point of complete relief in the general area, not nearer the hole. The drop should be within 1 club length of the reference point, and there must be complete relief from all interference from the protective fence.

Breach of Local Rule

General Penalty
Match Play – loss of hole
Stroke Play – 2 strokes