

# Lexington Country Club Local Rules

Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

USGA Rules and Lexington Rules shall govern all play

**Out of Bounds:** Defined by the inside points at ground level of perimeter white stakes, the inside edge of all roadways, the cart paths and curbing behind #9 and #18. **The homeowner's side of the penalty area is Out of Bounds.**

**Penalty Areas:** All Penalty Areas are defined by red lines **or stakes**. All rock walls are within the Penalty Areas. Holes #1 and #5 have red stakes with blue tops next to the cart path by the green. The margin of the Red Penalty area is the margin/edge of the cart path, **between these stakes**. In most cases, relief will be on the fairway side of the cart path, no closer to the hole. The bridge on hole 3 is in the Penalty Area.

**Ground Under Repair:** Marked by white lines, flags or white stakes.

**Staked Trees:** In the General Area, any supports on trees are deemed to be temporary Immovable Obstructions. Golfers are entitled to relief from interference with the lie of their ball, stance, area of intended swing and line of play interference.

**Drop Zone on Hole #3 (Ladies Only):** A player, from inside 150 yards from the green, must make an attempt to cross the water, if upon not crossing the margin of the Red Penalty Area, a player may utilize the option of going to the Drop Zone on the green side of the water, adding one stroke to go across the water Plus one additional stroke and proceed to the drop area. This local Rule will only be used for general play and will NOT apply for "Ladies Day, Mixers and Majors.

**Drop Zone on Hole #14:** As an additional relief option for the Red Penalty Area, golfers are entitled to use the Drop Zone for one penalty stroke. For general play, golfers will use the artificial mat on the lake side of the cart path. Players MAY PLACE the ball on the mat. For MIXERS & MAJORS, there will be a painted Drop Zone in the grass with the Drop Zone sign identifying it.

**Immovable Obstructions Close to the Putting Green (Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect):** Relief is available only when the ball and immovable obstruction lie in closely mown area; the ball lies in the general area; and an immovable obstruction is on or within two club lengths of the putting green; and within two club lengths of the ball. Drop a ball within one club length of complete relief in the General Area, not nearer to the hole.

**Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds (Model Local Rule B-5 is in effect):** When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. For Two Penalty Strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or a substituted ball in the General Area in grass cut to fairway height or less.

If the ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or teeing ground for the hole being played to fairway height or less. **This Local Rule will only be used for general play and will NOT apply to Ladies 18 Hole, MGA, Mixers and Major events.**

**Provisional Ball when the original ball may be in a Red Penalty Area (Model Local Rule B-3 is in effect). For the play of holes 3, 7, 8, 10, &17:** “If a player does not know whether his/her ball is in a penalty area, the player may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3, which is modified in the way. When using this option, the player may use stroke & distance, back on the line or lateral relief. If the player’s original ball is found in the Red Penalty Area, the player may choose either to: (1) continue play with the original ball in the penalty area; (2) continue to play with the provisional ball in which case the original ball must not be played. When the original ball is not found within the three minute search time or is known or virtually certain to be in a Penalty area, the provisional ball becomes the player’s ball in play.

**Rule Discrepancy:** All play is governed by the 2023 Rules of Golf: IN STROKE PLAY, if a player is uncertain about the correct procedure while playing a hole, the player may play two balls, announcing which he/she would choose to score BEFORE making a stroke at either ball. Before turning in their scorecard, the player MUST inform The Committee of the action and the ruling will be made on which ball will count. You MAY NOT play two balls in match play.

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