

Local Rules for the BSMGC at the DeBell Golf Course

The following local Rules apply to the membership of the Burbank Senior Men's Golf Club:

Rule 1: Barrancas on the DeBell Golf Course are to be played as a lateral water hazard or as a water hazard when it is marked with yellow stakes. Proceed under the proper penalty procedure.

Barrancas can be found on the following holes: 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 13, 14 and 15.

The area on the right side of the hole #11, marked with red stakes, shall be played as a lateral water hazard.

Rule 2: A ball coming to rest on any bridge over a barranca shall be played as being in the barranca. (See Rule 24 - 2b/11 for relief procedure).

Rule 3: A ball crossing over the furthest edge of the barranca is considered to be in the lateral water hazard, except on holes #3 and #4.

Rule 4: A ball coming to rest on a paved or gravel cart path may take relief from the point where the ball has come to rest (See Rule 24 - 2b).

Rule 5: Out of bounds is identified by white stakes, and boundary fences are identified by white paint.

Rule 6: Interior protective fences which interfere with swing or stance. Relief is permitted as follows: Determine the nearest point of relief and drop your ball within one (1) club length no nearer to the hole. Line of sight relief is not permitted.

Rule 7: The cart storage building between holes #17 and #18 is to be played as an immovable obstruction. Swing and stance relief is allowed but no line of sight.

Rule 8: The cement walls by the green on holes #2 and #3 are immovable obstructions. Swing and stance relief is permitted but no line of sight.

Rule 9: The telephone poles by the green on hole #8 are integral parts of the golf course. No relief is permitted.

Rule 10: A ball passing over, under, or through the protective fence on hole #2 requires a mandatory drop within two club lengths of the point of entry, no nearer the hole. One stroke penalty.

Rule 11: Hard pan dirt service roads and paths must be played as it lies. No relief!

Rule 12: Free relief may be taken from newly planted staked trees. Drop nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole.

Rule 13: Rocks in bunkers are deemed to be loose impediments and may be removed by hand.

Rule 14: If an immovable obstruction (such as a sprinkler head) lies within two club lengths of the green, and your ball lies within two club lengths of the obstruction, you may take relief without a penalty.

Rule 15:

(a) The flower bed behind hole #15 is OB (out of bounds).

(b) Ball rolling down left side of cart path: Option 1: Play as it lies. Option 2: Replay from last played ball position and add one (1) stroke penalty.

Rule 16: If a group does not maintain the pace of play schedule issued by the Club, the group shall permit the following conforming group to play through. Failure to comply can result in a two (2) stroke penalty for each member of the group.

Rule 17: While looking for your ball, only 3 minutes instead of 5 minutes.

Rule 18: Ball in a bunker. Should your ball land in a human footprint, you may pick up the ball. Once your ball is picked up, you can rake the footprint and then replace your ball at the same spot. There will be no penalty.

Rule 19: Stroke and distance. When a player's ball cannot be 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 this relief area (See Rule 14.3):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

- **Ball Reference Point:** The point where the original ball:
 - Is estimated to have come to rest on the course, or
 - Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.
- **Fairway Reference Point:** The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point but is not nearer the hole than the reference point.

For purpose of this Local Rule, “fairway” means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between:

- A line from the hole through the ball reference point (or within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (or within two club-lengths to the outside of that line).

But with these limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must be the general area, and
- Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

But the player may not use this option when:

- The ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area; or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (See Rule 18.3).

RULE 20: If any balls while playing at Hole #3 lands in any area of Hole #4, then it would be considered a penalty area and will be played as a lateral.

Rule 21: Unmaintained bunkers: When there is an unmaintained bunker, you are allowed a free drop outside the bunker without a penalty one club length from the bunker no closer to the hole. Example, fairway bunker on hole #13.

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