

Glendoveer Men's Club (GMC) USGA Rule Reminders and Local Rules

Additional rules may be announced for a daily game or tournament prior to the start of the round.

When in doubt of how to play a ball due to being unsure of a rule, confer with players in your group on how to play the shot. If there is a disagreement on how to play the shot, play two balls, per USGA rules.

1. All balls must be holed out.
 - a. Exception is when holing out your ball no longer counts such as in, but not limited to, match play or a two- or four-person scramble.
2. All fence lines on the perimeter of the course are considered OUT OF BOUNDS.
 - a. If the ball is out of bounds, the player must return to where the original shot was made, take the penalty, and hit a new shot.
 - b. If a provisional ball is hit and the original ball is found within three minutes, the player can play the original ball. If the provisional ball is closer to the hole and is played, it becomes the ball in play even if the original ball is found within 3 minutes.
3. Cart path relief is from PAVED path only. Grass matted down and dirt compressed down by cart traffic is not considered cart path. No relief.
 - a. Complete relief from gravel on areas typically driven in the course of play.
 - b. Walking path is considered an integral part of the course
4. All bunkers are in play unless noted prior to first tee off.
 - a. If not announced:
 - i. There is no relief without penalty for rough sand traps.
 - ii. Relief only from standing water in bunker.
 - iii. You may take relief **in** the bunker for a one-stroke penalty.
 - iv. You make take relief by moving the ball **out of** the bunker (line of ball flight) for a two-stroke penalty.
5. No relief from divots in the fairway.
 - a. Due to weather conditions, prior to tee off it may be announced:
 - i. Lift clean and place (ball placed within announced distance from where you lift), or
 - ii. Lift clean and replace (ball placed back in original spot)
 - iii. Balls removed from ground under repair may be cleaned after lifting and before placing.
6. Complete relief when your ball lands on a chip pile. No relief from chips on the ground or when the pile is in line with your shot.
 - a. Exception: If the pile prevents you from having proper stance or prevents a proper swing path then free relief no closer to the hole and no improvement to lie or line to the hole is allowed.
7. Play your own ball.
 - a. Penalty for hitting another player's ball.
 - b. Penalty for hitting range or abandoned balls on the course.
8. If your ball lands on the wrong green, you **MUST** take relief. No penalty.
 - a. Along the path of the initial shot, take the ball from the green and get a stance and area of intended swing as to not damage the green. Mark the reference point and you may take up to one club length no nearer to the hole in the general area of the green and proceed.
 - b. All water penalty areas on the courses will be played by dropping a ball in line where the ball crossed the water.