

Oakwood Golf Course Local Rules – December 2019

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1. **Out of Bounds** is defined by the homeowner's property line, white stakes, any vehicular road, or permanent fencing. A ball crossing a road but coming to rest on another part of the golf course is still out of bounds.
2. **Penalty Areas** All lakes are lateral penalty areas. The margin of the hazard is the water side of the perimeter cement curb or wooden barrier. The cement curbs and wooden piles are immovable obstructions.
3. **River Rock Areas** located next to cart paths and in desert areas are drainage features and are played as immovable obstructions. You *must* take free relief from these areas.
4. **Immovable Obstructions** If stance or swing is impaired by an obstruction such as an irrigation box, restroom or the walled pump station on Palms 8, free relief is available. Free line of sight relief is *not* available.
5. **Greenside Sprinklers** Free relief is available from intervention by immovable obstructions (e.g., sprinkler heads, drain grates or valve box covers) within two club-lengths of the green when the ball lies off the green, but not in a hazard, and is within two club-lengths of the obstruction.
6. **Lost or Ball Out of Bounds** For a penalty of 2 strokes, a player may drop a ball perpendicular to the point where the ball crossed out of bounds to 2 club lengths into the fairway no closer to the hole.
7. **Drop Areas** If a ball comes to rest in a penalty area on a hole with a designated drop area, you may drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the drop area. Holes with drop areas are: Lakes 2 & 3, Palms 7 & 8, Sonoran 3, Ironwood 10, 15 & 17.
8. **Staked Trees** If stance or swing is impaired by a staked tree, free relief is available.
9. **Wildlife Control Fencing** If stance or swing is impaired by fencing lining a lake, free relief is available.
10. **Irrigation Trenching** which has not yet recovered is ground under repair.
11. **Practice Rounds** are permitted between rounds of a stroke-play competition conducted by IronOaks sponsored events.
12. **Palms #7** A ball which comes to rest next to the Out of Bounds wall behind the green, and is unplayable, may be dropped, under penalty of one stroke, in the designated ball drop area. This drop area may not be used for balls in the water.
13. **Lakes #3** If a ball comes to rest on the cart path directly behind the green, you may take free relief using the designated drop area.
14. **Ironwood #17** Free relief is available from the large rock drainage area located behind the green. You must find the ball to obtain relief. Proceed to the designated drop area. If you do not find your golf ball, you must proceed under the lost ball rule.
15. **Chains and Roped areas:** Free relief is available if your stance or swing is interfered by any rope or chains that have been placed to direct cart traffic. Take relief using the ground under repair procedures. Do not remove rope or chain in process of taking relief.
16. **Bunkers:** A player may take the nearest free relief within the bunker if their stance, ball, or swing follow through will bottom out into the Billy Bunker liner.