

Silvermine Golf Club: Local Course Rules

USGA Rules Govern Play Subject to Local Course Rules or Other Exceptions

General Local Rules:

Flower Beds / Mulched Areas:

All ornamental flower beds and mulched areas throughout the course are MANDATORY relief areas. Free relief is provided within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole. You MUST take relief and cannot play from these areas.

Stone Walls / Wooden Fences

All exterior stone walls and wooden fences denote boundaries of the golf course and balls completely on the OUTSIDE EDGE of stone walls or fences are deemed out-of-bounds. Balls that come to play resting against, embedded within, or on top of a wall or fence are considered in play, but no free relief is provided. You may choose to play your shot as it lies or take an unplayable lie, subject to a penalty stroke.

Roadways & Parking Lots

All roadways and parking lots are considered out-of-bounds unless otherwise marked by white stakes.

Drop Areas

Drop areas on Hole #3 and Hole #7 are intended for women golfers ONLY. Male golfers who go into these water hazard must play their next shot based on the standard options for a yellow staked hazard.

French Drains

All French drains are immovable obstructions, and free relief is allowed in both the fairway and rough for interference with both lie and/or stance. The ball may be dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of relief no closer to the hole.

Note: this applies to drains on Hole #6, Hole #7 and Hole #17.

Cart Path Extensions

Areas with gravel, broken pavement, or soil directly adjacent to a paved golf cart path are considered part of the "extended" cart path. Free relief is granted from these areas in the same manner as the cart path.

Stones in Bunkers

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions. If the ball is inadvertently moved by the act of removing the stone, the ball shall be replaced, and there is no penalty provided the movement of the ball is directly attributable to the removal of the stone. This rule is strictly limited to BUNKERS and no other hazards.

Bridges over Hazards

All walkways or bridges over hazards are considered part of the hazard, whether they are marked as such. No free relief is provided. If your ball comes to rest on a bridge, you may choose to play your shot as it lies or take an unplayable lie subject to a penalty stroke. Note: this applies to bridges on Hole #7, Hole #8, and Hole #14.

Rocks in Fairways

Exposed rocks in fairways, whether marked with white circles or not, are considered "Ground Under Repair". If a ball comes to rest on an exposed rock, relief is provided by a free lift and drop within one club-length of where the ball originally lay, no closer to the hole. This rule is strictly limited to FAIRWAYS and no other playing areas.

Reminders for Individual Holes:

2nd Hole

- ❖ OB behind green defined by retaining wall and parking lot.

7th Hole

- ❖ If ball comes to rest on the cart path, free relief can be taken on right side of the lateral hazard, towards the golf course side.

8th Hole

- ❖ OB behind green defined by the combination of the split wooden fence, white stakes, and driveway.

10th Hole

- ❖ Free relief is granted for any ball that comes to rest next to the halfway house or the safety net that protects 14th tee box. This applies to lie, stance, or intended swinging area, but there is no relief for line of play.

13th Hole

- ❖ OB left defined by the combination of white stakes and the roadway. OB behind green defined by the stone wall.

15th Hole

- ❖ Pond on left side of fairway is OB and any ball that goes into the pond must be replayed with a stroke and distance penalty. Balls that come to rest on left side of the roadway, by the safety net are considered OB.

16th Hole

- ❖ Free relief is granted for any ball that comes to rest next to the obelisk. This applies to lie, stance, or intended swinging area, but there is no relief for line of play.

17th Hole

- ❖ Free relief is granted for any ball that comes to rest next to the pump house by the green. This applies to lie, stance, or intended swinging area, but there is no relief for line of play.