

WILLOWBROOK COUNTRY CLUB

LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY

May 2009

The following have been adopted to establish and define Local Rules for golf and Conditions of Play for the purpose of consistency of play and the setting of standards of conduct for playing golf at Willowbrook Country Club. All play is in accordance with and governed by the USGA Rules of Golf.

LOCAL RULES –The following Local Rules have been established to provide rules and guidelines consistent with local conditions:

- A ball is out of bounds if it lies on or across a public road defined as out of bounds, even if the ball comes to rest on another part of the course.
- Water Hazards are defined yellow stakes or lines. Red stakes or lines define a lateral water hazard. If both stakes and lines are used to define a margin, the line supersedes. Optional drop areas are provided for a ball in the water hazards on #3, 8 & 12. Otherwise take relief under USGA Rule #26
- Embedded ball rule is in effect through the green. Lift, clean and drop without penalty, within one club length no nearer the hole.
- Preferred Lies and Winter Rules – when in effect: A ball lying on a closely mown area (fairway) of the hole being played may, without penalty, be moved or may be lifted, cleaned and placed within one club length of where it was originally lying, but not nearer the hole and not in a hazard or on a putting green. A player may move their ball once, and after the ball has been placed, it is in play.
- Areas deliberately not maintained, which are observable on the course, are considered through the green.

The following are cover by USGA rules but are included as a service and for information:

- Out of bounds: To the right of #2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 18; left of #1, 2, 3, 9, 11, 12, & 13; behind #2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 14 & 17 greens and on the Driving Range.
- Obstructions – Rule #24: Relief is permitted if the following conditions interfere with swing or stance. “Line of sight” relief is not an option. Relief will, without penalty, be lift the ball and drop within one club length of the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole in the following areas:
 - Cart paths regardless of surface and maintenance roads
 - 150 yard marker posts
 - 100, 150 and 200 yard markers in the center of the fairways.
 - All sprinkler heads.
 - All flower beds or planters
 - Trees with ribbons, protective tubes or guide wires,
 - Restrooms and storm shelters.
 - Utility or Irrigation System control boxes.
 - Gas or water well tanks and piping
- Balls lying on a putting green other than the hole being played, will be lifted, dropped and played, with no penalty, at the nearest point of relief no nearer the hole.

- A ball can be played from, or a stance taken, in an area marked as “ground under repair” or relief can be taken if the area has been newly planted with grass etc. Use common sense. Ball will be dropped within one club length of the nearest point of relief no nearer the hole. White lines mark the area of “ground under repair.” Rule #25.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- No metal spikes are allowed.
- All golfers, including members, guests, and Juniors must adhere to the WCC dress code as defined in the club’s Policies and Procedures; and must obey all posted rules pertaining to golf, conduct, etiquette, cart usage, etc. Collared or mock collared shirts are required.
- Powered carts are to be kept at least 20 yards from bunkers, approaches and greens.
- Pulled carts are to be kept away from the approaches and greens, and are not permitted on the fringe or between the traps and greens.
- Powered carts are to be kept on the cart path on all par 3s.
- Repair all ball marks on greens, replace all divots and rake bunkers.
- Yardage markers – 100, 150 and 200 markers in the center of the fairways and on all sprinkler heads are to the center of the green.
- Members and guests must register in the Pro Shop prior to beginning any round of golf.
- During the active golf season, April through October, a score completed in accordance with the WCC Handicap System Manual, must be recorded in the Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN) system. A score can either be recorded on the Pro Shop computer or on another computer at the www.ghin.com web site, as soon as possible at the completion of the round. This includes any home or away scores. If a score is not recorded, the Handicap Committee may at its discretion enter a score equal to the lowest score in the player’s current Handicap record.
- Starting on any hole other than # 1 requires the explicit permission of the Club Pro or his Assistant.
- Tees played may be from blue, white, gold or red. All holes for a nine must be played from the same set of tees unless otherwise specified in a club event.
- Slow play is disruptive, unpleasant and will not be tolerated. The rate of play for WCC is four hours and fifteen minutes. If more than one and a half open holes exist, slow players are to permit a faster group to play through. Members who persist in slow play may be directed to exit the course.
- Golfers may walk; use a pull cart, a walk-behind power cart or a riding cart. A group of four is limited to three riding carts. Each cart may carry two riders and no more than two golf bags.
- Groups of five are permitted only with the explicit permission of the Club Pro or his assistant and only during periods of time that the Board has authorized and when course play is sufficiently light enough that these groups do not hamper the pace of play of other members.

The Golf Committee