

## 2017 Juniper Hill Ladies Golf Club Playing Rules

These rules apply to Juniper Hill Ladies leagues and tournament events. USGA rules will apply, with specific Local Rules as identified below or as adjusted for playing conditions by the Juniper Hill Golf Pro, Kirk Schooley.

- **Preferred Lies/Movement of golf ball:** You may lift, clean and place your ball without penalty through the green (fairways and rough – not hazards), no closer to the hole, within one scorecard. If you are required to drop a ball for a relief or penalty situation, the ball must be dropped before moving the ball one scorecard length.
- **Approved USGA Sky Caddies/Range Finders may be used.**
- **Cell phones must be turned to vibrate during play.**
- **Water Hazards:** Defined by yellow and red lines.
  - **Yellow Stakes Options (water hazard):**
    - Play the ball as it lies, player may not ground club - no penalty.
    - Replay from the previous shot location - 1 stroke penalty.
    - Drop a ball as far back as desired on a line from the hole through the point the ball last crossed the edge of the hazard - 1 stroke penalty.
  - **Red Stakes Options (lateral water hazard):**
    - Play the ball as it lies, player may not ground club - no penalty.
    - Replay from the previous shot location - 1 stroke penalty.
    - Drop a ball as far back as desired on a line from the hole through the point the ball last crossed the edge of the hazard - 1 stroke penalty.
    - Drop a ball 2 club lengths from the point of entry, no nearer the hole - 1 stroke penalty.
    - Drop a ball 2 club lengths opposite side of the hazard from the point of entry, equal distance from the hole - 1 stroke penalty.
  - **(LOCAL RULE):** If you hit two balls in the rocks or water on Hole #13, you **MUST** use the drop area located across the bridge about 5 paces to the left of the end of the bridge. You will need to add one additional stroke for carrying the ball over the water.
- **Stroke and Distance:** When your ball is lost or out of bounds, play a ball as nearly as possible from the spot which the original ball was played - 1 stroke penalty.
  - **Out of Bounds:** A golf ball is out of bounds when all of it lies out of bounds. A player may stand out of bounds to play a ball lying within bounds. At Juniper Hill, OB is determined by course boundary markers, walls, fences (stone, metal, and wood), the parking lot and roadways. There is an on-course OB defined by white stake posts over #5 green, behind #6 tee box and left of #16 tee box and fairway.

- **Lost Ball:** A ball not found or identified within **five** minutes from the time the search begins is considered lost. If another ball is put into play and the original ball is then located, the original ball is still considered lost and may **NOT** be played.
- **Sand Bunkers:** Grass-covered ground next to or within a bunker, including a stacked turf face (whether grass-covered or earthen), is not part of the bunker. A wall or lip of the bunker not covered with grass is part of the bunker. If the conditions of the course make the bunkers unplayable, the golf pro or appropriate officers or will advise of this condition before play begins, otherwise:
  - A **movable obstruction** can be removed from any part of the course, including a bunker or water hazard.
    - If you were to remove a movable obstruction, say a rake or trash, lying near your ball in a bunker and the ball moves it must be replaced, provided the movement of the ball is directly attributable to the removal of that object - no penalty.
    - If your ball lies in or on a movable obstruction in a bunker, say a plastic bag, you may lift the ball and remove the plastic bag. You must drop the ball as near as possible to the spot directly under where the ball lay in or on the plastic bag, no nearer the hole - no penalty.
  - **Immovable obstructions** are artificial objects such as pipes, drainage grates, or wooden steps which cannot be moved without unreasonable effort. You have two options if you decide to take relief under the immovable obstruction options:
    1. Drop the ball in the bunker within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, but no nearer the hole - no penalty
    2. Drop the ball outside the bunker keeping the point where the ball lay directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the bunker the ball may be dropped - 1 stroke penalty.
  - **Loose Impediments** are natural objects such as stones, leaves, and branches. If a loose impediment is touched or moved in a hazard - 2 stroke penalty.
  - With an **Unplayable lie in the bunker** a player has 3 options:
    1. You may take the ball out of the bunker and play the shot from where the last stroke was made before you entered the bunker - 1 stroke penalty.
    2. Drop a ball in the bunker behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped - 1 stroke penalty.
    3. Drop a ball in the bunker within two club lengths of the spot where the ball lay, no nearer the hole - 1 stroke penalty.
- **Casual Water:** When water is visible where your ball comes to rest or interferes with stance, which includes running sprinklers:
  - If ball is not on the putting surface or in a hazard, you may determine your nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole. Drop the ball within one club length, taking full relief, including stance - no penalty.
  - If ball is on the putting surface, and casual water intervenes on the line of the putt, you may lift the ball and place it at the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole, **or**

- If complete relief is not available on the putting surface (completely covered in casual water), go to the point providing the maximum possible relief (i.e. the shallowest level of water) as near as possible to the original spot but not nearer the hole nor in a hazard. If the nearest point is off the putting green, the ball must be placed off the green - no penalty.
- If the ball is within the bounds of a water hazard, relief without penalty is not available. The ball is considered to be in a water hazard (Page 1).
- If your ball is in a bunker, you have two options:
  1. Drop the ball in the bunker within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, but not nearer the hole - no penalty.
  2. Drop the ball outside the bunker keeping the point where the ball lay directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the bunker the ball may be dropped - 1 stroke penalty.

**Note:** If full relief is not available in the bunker, then you may drop the ball as near as possible to the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole, on a part of the course **in the bunker** that affords maximum available relief from the casual water - no penalty.

- **Protective Fence (on #2):** is considered a temporary immovable obstruction. You may determine your nearest point of relief, including line-of-sight, no closer to the hole. Drop the ball within one club length no closer to the hole - no penalty.
- **Grass Bunker (on #6):** is considered rough. Refer to preferred lies for moving the ball.
- **Native Grass/Prepared and Maintained Landscape** (Near Hole #6 tee, Hole #13 green, #15 tee/#18 green, and #16 men's tee): are considered mandatory relief areas. You must determine the nearest point of relief no closer to the hole. Drop the ball within one club length, taking full relief including stance - no penalty.
- **Electrical Boxes** (Holes #2, #5, #8, #12, and #15): are considered immovable obstructions. If your ball lies in or on the obstruction, or it interferes with the your stance or the area of your intended swing, you may determine your nearest point of relief no closer to the hole. Drop the ball within one club length taking full relief, including stance - no penalty.
- **Rocks:**
  - A ball in the rocks on Holes #1, #13, #15 and #17 is considered to be in a water hazard (Page 1).
  - A ball in the rocks on Holes #3 and #9 or inside the cart barn, is not considered to be in a hazard. You may determine your nearest point of relief no closer to the hole. Drop the ball within one club length taking full relief, including stance - no penalty.
- **Cart Paths:** You may determine your nearest point of relief no closer to the hole. Drop the ball within one club length taking full relief, including stance - no penalty.

- **Red Posts on Hole #11 (LOCAL RULE):** When a ball is between the red fence posts along the cart path and the fence on #11, you have the option of playing it as it lies or you may take cart path relief to the right of the cart path - no penalty.
- **Ground Under Repair(GUR):** If your ball comes to rest in an area that is marked in white as ground under repair or if the area is not marked as GUR and after consulting with your playing group for agreement, you may determine your nearest point of relief no closer to the hole. Drop the ball within one club length, taking full relief, including stance - no penalty.
- **Accidental Movement of a Ball on the Putting Surface (LOCAL RULE):** When your ball lies on the putting green and the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by you, your partner, your opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment - no penalty.
  - The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced.
  - **Note:** If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.
- **For any questions, call the Pro shop 875-8559. Until you get an official answer, play 2 balls.**

**Final approval provided by Kirk Schooley, Golf Professional, and Lisa Goins, USGA Certified Rules Official.**

## Playing condition rules:

- **Prizes:** To be eligible for prizes, you must play with one other member of the league. Scorecards must be signed and attested. Inaccurate or incomplete scorecards may result in disqualification.
- **Spectators:** are allowed but must stay 30 yards from all players.
- **Caddies:** are not allowed.
- **Putts:** A putt is determined by the number of times you hit the ball while on the putting surface. Hitting the ball from the fringe onto the putting surface is considered a stroke but not a putt. A flagstick can be attended and removed or replaced at any time while around the green. If you putt off of the green and chip back onto the putting surface, the stroke is not considered a putt. Anytime the ball is off the putting surface and goes into the hole, it is considered a chip-in.
- **Defining winners:** The number of winners is determined by the league or tournament.
  - **Low Gross** winners are determined by the lowest score in the flight. If there is a tie, the winner will be determined by a scorecard playoff (SCP) starting with the hardest handicap hole played.
  - **Low Net** winners are determined by the gross score minus the person's handicap. If there is a tie, the winner will be determined by a scorecard playoff starting with the hardest handicap hole played.