



All play will be governed by the 2022 United States Golf Association Rules of Golf except where any local rules of Oakcreek Country Club that may apply.

**Local Rules:** The Ball shall be played as it lies.

**OUT OF BOUNDS-**

“When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be **out of bounds**, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. For two **penalty** strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see **Rule 14.3**):

Distance Measuring Devices- The use of distance measuring devices shall be allowed provided that the competition committee allows for the use of devices. It shall be the right of the men’s and ladies club to decide whether to allow devices during organized competition. During tournament rounds the use of devices will be allowed provided they measure distance only. Any other measurements such as slope shall be grounds for disqualification.

Out of Bounds - Defined by the inside points, at ground level, of large white stakes or painted white lines. Rule 27-1 in the absence of stakes all walls and fences are considered out of bounds. There is no free relief of stance and swing from the walls or fences.

Water hazards are defined by yellow stakes or lines. Rule 26-1

Lateral water hazards are defined by red stakes or lines. If no lines or stakes are present, the concrete border of the pond, if present, shall define the hazard. Rule 26-1  
When both stakes and lines are used to define water and lateral water hazards, stakes identify hazards and lines define margins.

Ground Under Repair - Defined by white lines or sign. Rule 25.1 if by sign, take reasonable relief as agreed within the playing group. During normal daily play the group may decide on reasonable relief if conditions warrant and the golf course is not marked.

Embedded Ball Rule - Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix 1 is in effect.

Area from which play is prohibited / “Environmentally Sensitive Areas” - defined by BLUE stakes. Memorial Garden area to the left of the 6<sup>th</sup> green and Pump House along #10 and #18 are considered “environmentally sensitive areas” that are played as ground under repair. Relief: drop within one (1) club length of the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole without penalty, relief applies to swing and stance only no line of site relief is permitted. Rule 25-1b

Tree Roots - A player may take relief for stance and swing from any tree root. Relief: drop within one (1) club length of the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole without penalty, relief applies to swing and stance only no line of site relief is permitted. Rule 25-1b

Pace of Play - All players must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Club may establish. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player must not unduly delay play. Rule 6-7.

Oakcreek Country Club expects players to play the course in 2:00 for 9 holes and 4:00 for 18 holes. A verbal warning will be given to a group that is found out of position on the golf course. Position on the golf course is directly behind the group in front of you. If the group is out of position again the player's assistant will ask that group to pick up and move into position. If the group is unable to keep pace after moving into position the player's assistant will remove them from the golf course.

Stones in Bunkers - Stones in bunkers are declared as moveable obstructions and can be removed. Rule 24-1

"Discontinuance of Play": The following signals will be used:  
Discontinue play immediately - one (1) prolonged note of a siren.  
Resumption of play - three (3) short notes of a siren, repeated.

Maintenance Road - A ball that comes to rest on the maintenance road (along the left of hole #1 and continuing to the maintenance shed) is provided relief. Until you reach the green relief is to be taken on the golf course side of the maintenance road. Around the green the maintenance road should be treated as cart path and relief taken at the nearest point no closer to the hole.

Young Trees - A player may take relief for stance and swing from any white staked tree. Relief: drop within one (1) club length of the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole without penalty. Rule 25-1b

Frost- In order to protect the golf course, in fairways or rough where frost or frozen ground is present, relief must be taken to nearest sunny area on same hole. During the winter months when frost is present on the golf course golfers are required to remove their balls from the frozen shaded areas of the golf course and drop in the nearest non frozen non shaded area, no closer to the hole, without penalty. Additionally relief may be taken from a frozen bunker, the ball must be dropped at the nearest point of relief no closer to the hole, if relief is not available in the same bunker relief may be taken in the nearest non frozen bunker.

Immovable Obstruction Close to Putting Green- Providing relief from intervention by immovable obstructions on or within two club lengths of the putting green when the ball lies within two club lengths of the immovable obstruction.

Aeration Holes- Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

Animal Damage- Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on a area damaged by animals may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole.