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2013-2014

GOLF ETIQUETTE/RULES
EMPHASIS

By-Law 3.9.1

- Each team must have 14 days of conditioning practice and each individual must have participated in 14 school conditioning practices on 14 different days prior to the date of the first interscholastic contest in all sports.
- First Day of Competition:
 - Girls Golf: Wednesday, August 28th, 2013**
 - Girls Golf 2014: Friday, August 22nd, 2014**
 - Boys Golf: Friday, March 21st, 2014**
 - Boys Golf 2015: March 20th, 2015**



Scheduling Options

- Two Scheduling Options for the Regular Season which begin on August 28th, 2013.
- 1. 14 Matches (no more than 4 may include more than 4 schools).
- 2. 11 Matches (no more than 6 may include more than 4 schools).
- These limitations apply to teams and to individuals. Example of a player participating on the JV and the Varsity must meet one of the two available scheduling options.



Boys Post Season Dates

- Boys Golf Districts: May 5-7, 2014
- Sectional Tournaments: May 12, 2014
(Hosted by Even Numbered Districts)
- State Championships: May 19-20, 2014
- Class 1: Rivercut GC: Springfield, MO
- Class 2: Silo Ridge GC: Bolivar, MO
- Class 3: Fremont Hills CC: Nixa, MO
- Class 4: Dalhousie GC: Cape Girardeau, MO



Boys Golf Championship Sites

<u>Year</u>	<u>BC1</u>	<u>BC2</u>	<u>BC3</u>	<u>BC4</u>
13-14	Rivercut GC (Springfield)	Silo Ridge GC (Bolivar)	Fremont Hills CC (Nixa)	Dalhousie CC (Cape Girardeau)
14-15	*Island Green GC (Republic)	Rivercut CG (Springfield)	Silo Ridge GC (Bolivar)	Sedalia CC (Sedalia)
15-16	Fremont Hills CC (Nixa)	Sedalia CC (Sedalia)	Rivercut GC (Springfield)	Silo Ridge GC (Bolivar)

* Island Green GC will be visited during the 2013-14 school year.

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Golf Etiquette

- 1. Prior to the Round
 - A) Properly mark your golf ball.
 - B) No more than 14 clubs in Golf Bag.
 - C) Cell Phones not allowed
 - D) Electronic Measuring Devices that measure distance only are allowed.
 - E) Introduce yourself to your fellow competitors and exchange scorecards.
 - F) Discuss each player's golf ball and markings.



Golf Etiquette Continued

- 2. During the Round
- A) Play Ready Golf: Limit practice swings
- B) Walk with a Purpose.
- C) Respect your opponents: No movement after the ball has been addressed.
- D) Take Care of the Golf Course:
 - Replace divots and repair ball marks.
 - E) Properly mark your golf ball.
 - F) Record scores after each hole.*****
 - G) Protect the integrity of the event.



Golf Etiquette: Post Round

- 3. Post Round:
 - A) Upon completion shake hands with all fellow competitors.
 - B) Verify the score recorded on the scorecard for each hole.
 - C) Players are responsible for the hole by hole scores.
 - D) Sign Cards Appropriately.
 - E) Leave the golf course in better condition than when you arrived. Thank the golf professional.



RULE 3-3

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE

- Rule 3-3: Doubt as to Procedure
- A competitor may play a second ball but must announce to their fellow competitors the intention to do so and declare which of the two balls they intend to count if the Rules permit.
- The competitor must report the facts to the committee before turning in their scorecard.

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Rule 20-2a

- When dropping, stand erect, hold the ball at shoulder height and arm's length and drop it. A ball dropped in a hazard, must be dropped, and stay in the hazard.



23. Loose Impediments

Loose impediments are natural objects (such as stones and leaves) not fixed or growing, not solidly embedded and not adhering to the ball.

You may move them unless the *loose impediment* and your ball lie in or touch the same *hazard*.



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Nearest Point of Relief:

The point on the *course* nearest to where the ball lies which

- (a) is not nearer the *hole*,
- (b) avoids interference (lie, stance, area of swing) and
- (c) is not in a *hazard* or on a *putting green*.



--It is the spot where the club is grounded in a simulated address position.

Immovable Obstructions 24-2

- If an immovable obstruction (e.g. a sprinkler head, the cart path) interferes with the lie of the ball, your stance or swing, you may, except when your ball is in a water hazard, drop within one club-length (without penalty) of the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole.

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Water Hazards Rule 26

- Two Types of Water Hazards
- 1. Water Hazard marked with Yellow Stakes and/or Yellow Lines
- 2. Lateral Water Hazards marked with Red Stakes and /or Red Lines

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Rule 26-1

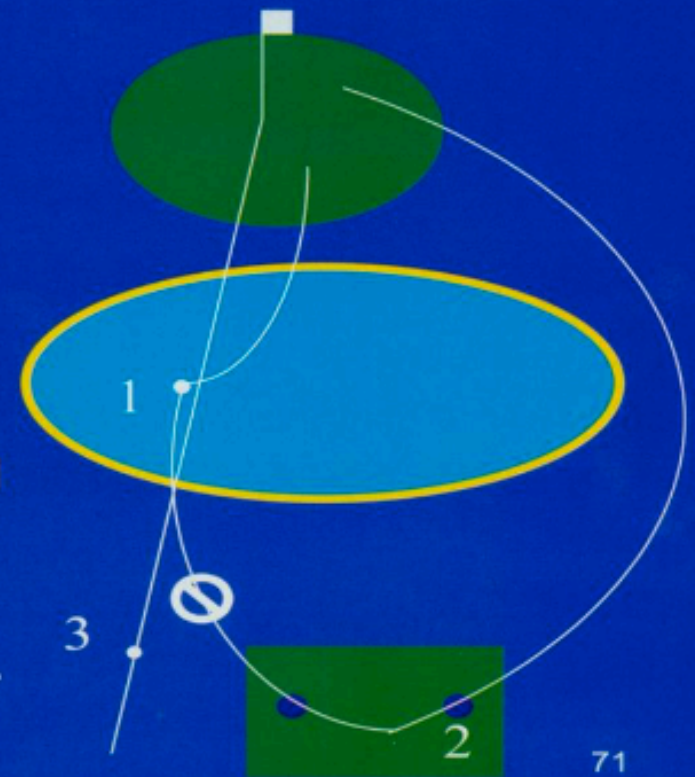
26-1. Water Hazard (3 options)

1. Play the ball as it lies -- no penalty.

OR, Under penalty of one stroke:

2. Play a ball at the spot from which the original was last played.

3. Drop behind the *hazard* keeping the point at which the original ball last crossed the margin of the *hazard* between the *hole* and the spot on which the ball is dropped.



26-1. Lateral Water Hazard

5 options - Same 3 plus 2

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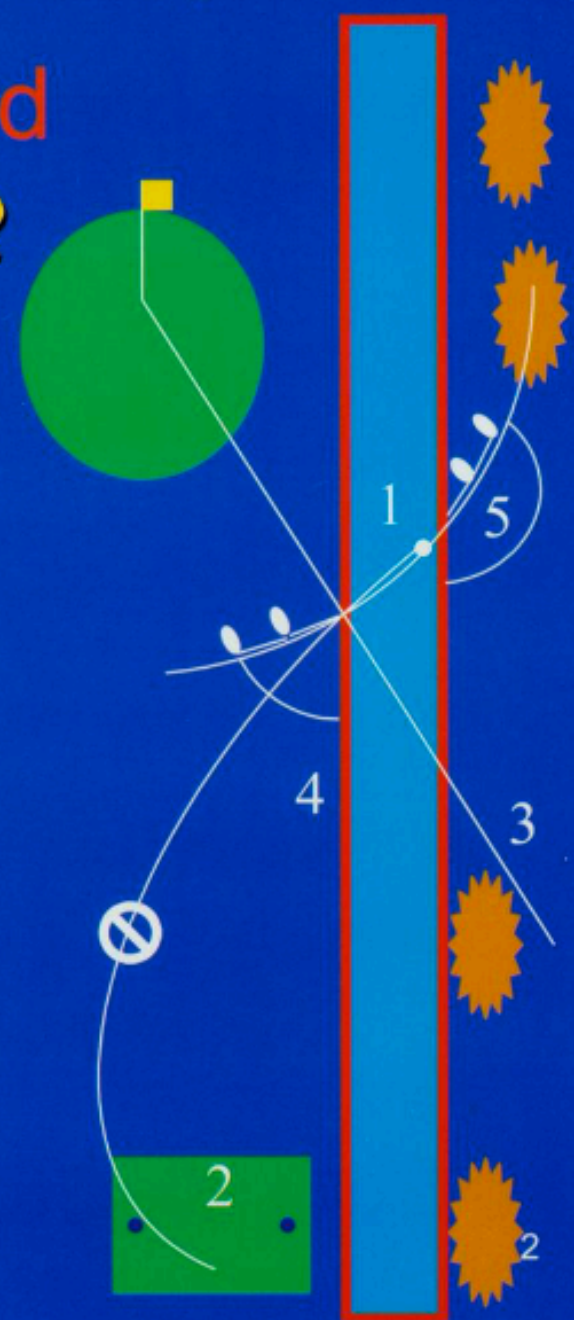
OR, Under penalty of one stroke:

2. Play a ball under the *stroke and distance* procedure.

3. Drop behind the *hazard* keeping the point between the *hole* and the spot on which the ball is dropped.

4. Drop **2 club-lengths** from the point of entry into the *hazard*.

5. Drop 2 club-lengths from point on the **opposite margin, equidistant** from the hole.



Example of Lateral Water Hazard (RED STAKES)



Rule 27: Ball Lost or Ball Out of Bounds

- Ball lost or is Out of Bounds, add one penalty stroke and play a ball from where the previous stroke was made. (Rule 27-1)
- Be familiar with Rule 27 and the rules regarding playing a Provisional Ball.
- When Out of Bounds is defined by stakes or lines they are to be painted WHITE.
- A ball is out of bounds when ALL of it lies Out of Bounds. The line itself is Out of Bounds.

