

White Lake Golf Club • Local Rules

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Tree Stumps: All tree stumps are immovable obstructions. Free Relief given with interference of stance and swing *only*. One (1) club length from the nearest point of complete relief, no closer to the hole. (Rule 16.1b) – (trees that were removed and covered with soil/seed are ground under repair)

Distance Measuring Devices: It is permissible to use a distance measuring device to obtain distance information. However, the use, during a stipulated round, of a device that measures other conditions such as gradient and or wind direction is *not* allowed. (Rule 4.3). The penalty for the 1st breach is the General Penalty of 2 strokes, and for the 2nd breach, Disqualification.

Immovable Obstructions: This includes ball washers, benches, bird houses, irrigation controls, yardage markers, buildings, french drains, and sprinklers etc. Free Relief given with interference of stance and swing *only*. One (1) club length from the nearest point of complete relief, no closer to the hole. (Rule 16.1b)

Exception; There is no relief when the immovable obstruction defines Out of Bounds. (i.e. white stakes or the white fence)

Cart Paths and Maintenance Roads: White lined areas tying into artificially surfaced roads or paths are declared to have the same status as the roads or paths. (i.e. they are obstructions, not ground under repair.) Free Relief given -one (1) club length from the nearest point of complete relief, no closer to the hole. (Rules 16.1b & MLR F-17)

Ground Under Repair (GUR): Portions of the course within the General Area marked with white lines are GUR. Free Relief given with interference of stance and swing *only*. One (1) club length from the nearest point of complete relief, no closer to the hole. (Rule 16.1b)

Young Trees: Protection of young trees identified with stakes that support the tree allow free relief given with interference of stance and swing *only*. One (1) club length from the nearest point of complete relief, no closer to the hole. (Rule 16.1b)

Out of Bounds (OB): OB at WLGC is defined as the white stakes on holes #1, 2 and 3 and the white fence on holes #1,12,13 and 18. (hole #7 no longer has OB stakes). For white stakes OB is defined as a line drawn between the course side of the white stakes at ground level. For the white fence OB is defined as a line drawn between the course side of the fence posts at ground level. A ball at rest is out of bounds only when all of it is outside the boundary edge of the course. (a good rule of thumb to remember is, “A ball is in unless it’s all the way out”.) The penalty for OB is stroke and distance. (Rule 18.2a)

Alternative Out of Bounds or Lost Ball Relief: WLGC has adopted a 2nd relief option for OB or Lost Ball relief. The player may drop in the area between the point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone out of bounds and the edge of the fairway (2 club lengths into the fairway is allowed). The player gets 2 penalty strokes when using this option. (This option cannot be used for an unplayable ball, or for a ball that is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area.) (Rule MLR E-5)

No Play Zones (NPZ): WLGC has one permanently designated NPZ. The practice putting green behind the 18th green is an NPZ. Free relief is allowed one (1) club length from the nearest point of complete relief no closer to the hole. (Rule 16.1f & 16.1b)

Root Rule: if your ball lies on or near a root located in the fairway or within 4 club lengths of the edge of the fairway Free Relief is allowed one (1) club length from the nearest point of complete relief no closer to the hole. (Rule 16.1b & MLR F-9) For all other encounters with roots play the ball as is or use the unplayable ball rule. For one penalty stroke the player has the option of: Stroke and Distance, back on the Line and Lateral Relief (the ball may be moved up to 2 club lengths no closer to the hole.) (Rule 19.2)

Waste Areas: The waste areas on holes #2, #3 and #4 are included in the general area of the course and are not bunkers. Relief is not allowed in waste areas for footprints, hoof prints or an embedded ball. (Rule 16.3b & MLR C-2.1)

Between the Creek and the Road: There is no longer a general free relief between the creek and the road. Use Unplayable Ball (rule 19.2) or Embedded Ball (16.3).