

Winnetka Men's Golf Club

Local Rules for Member Play



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Out of Bounds – OB is defined by the line between the course side points of white stakes and fence posts at ground level. OB Locations include: driving range, behind 1st green, right of hole 2, right and back of hole 3, back of hole 12 & right of hole 13

Local Rule E5 (Alternative to Stroke & Distance)

For **two penalty strokes**:

- Determine where the ball last crossed into OB (**ball reference point**).
- Identify the nearest fairway point not nearer the hole (**fairway reference point**).
- Drop within **two club lengths** of the fairway reference point.
- Once a new ball is dropped, the original ball is no longer in play.

18th Green – Special Relief The area behind the 18th green **is not considered OB**. A ball found beyond the line from the end of the cartpath rim to the large tree behind the 1st tee receives free relief: Drop the ball not more than one club length onto the grass between the big tree and the green.

Penalty Areas

- All fescue is considered a red penalty area.
- Additional red penalty areas: right of 14, left of 16, right of 17 and right of 18.

Ground Under Repair (GUR)

Defined by white lines and may include areas of unusual damage. Consult your fellow competitor if uncertain. A bunker may be treated as GUR when damaged by lack of staff or player maintenance, weather, or abnormal conditions.

Bunker Relief (no penalty):

- Lift the ball.
- Rake and smooth the sand.
- Place the ball within one club length of original spot, not nearer the hole.

Immovable Obstructions (Sprinkler Head / Other) Near Greens (2×2 Rule – Local Rule F5.2)

Relief is allowed when **all** conditions below are met:

1. Ball is in the **same cut as the fairway** (WGC greenside fringe may not be fairway height).
2. Obstruction is on the **intended line of play**.
3. Obstruction is within **two club lengths** of the green.
4. Ball is within **two club lengths** of the obstruction.

Relief:

- Find nearest point of complete relief.
- Drop within one club length, no closer to the hole.