



2023 WIAA/GESA CREDIT UNION
4A BOYS STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
LOCAL RULES SHEET – CREEK AT QUALCHAN

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf, the WIAA Local Rules and Conditions of Competition and the following local rules and conditions. Creek at Qualchan Course local rules and any other posted local rules are not in effect.

BOYS – (Blue) Teeing Area

GENERAL: Play is governed by The Rules of Golf (effective January 2023) as approved by the USGA and R&A; the WIAA Hard Card and these terms of competition. Local rules on the Hawks Prairie (Woodland) scorecard are **NOT** in effect. **Do not accept rulings** from anyone other than a Rules Official. They are here to help you.

STROKE PLAY SCORING: You **MUST** hole out on every hole. Play the ball as it lies.

PACE OF PLAY POLICY: Play should average 15 minutes per hole, with the overall **MAXIMUM** time of 4 hours and 30 minutes. Players are expected to play within 40 seconds from when it is their turn to play.

PENALTY AREAS: are marked per USGA Rules and Definitions.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS: (Rule 16): Marked with white lines. Bare areas around trees are **not** abnormal conditions. If you are unsure if an unmarked area is GUR and a rules official is not readily available, you may play a second ball under Rule 20.1c(3) (see below).

OBSTRUCTIONS: (Rule 15.2) Cart paths and areas worn down by cart usage are deemed to be part of the same obstruction - free relief. Free relief may be taken from French Drains (rocks showing).

OUT OF BOUNDS: Marked by white stakes. Left of #2 and #3, Right of #5 (in course OB) - no relief without penalty from white stakes (OB Stakes), **NOTE: The OB stakes on right of #5 are NOT in play for hole #6. On Hole #6, the white stakes are IMMOVABLE obstructions (free relief on hole #6 only), Entry Road** is OB to the right of #12, #13, #15, left of #14 & behind #18 green (the pavement edge defines the OB boundary)

On Hole #1 ONLY, if it is unclear whether your ball is in or lost in the penalty area (yellow) in front of the tee, the player may play a another ball provisionally under any of the options under Rule 17.1. If the original ball is found **OUTSIDE** the penalty area, the player **MUST** continue play with it. If the original ball is found **IN** the penalty area, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue with the ball played provisionally under Rule 17.1. This is not for a ball hit off of #1 into the penalty area to the left of #18.

PENALTY AREAS: Yellow Stakes/Lines - #1, #7 (part), #9, #18

LATERAL PENALTY AREAS: Red Stakes/Lines - on Hole #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 (part), #8, #9, #11, #12, #16, #17, #18

DROP ZONE: On hole #18, a drop zone is an additional option for a ball in the lateral water hazard right of the putting green. (not available for the water hazard in front of the putting green) Bridge on #17 and #18 is in the penalty area. Hole #18: Right of the fairway, the metal railing running next to the lateral penalty area prevents carts from entering the area for safety reasons. The area between the railing and the penalty area is GUR. Free relief starts on the course side of the railing. If the ball is in the penalty area, relief is where the ball entered the penalty area and lateral relief of 2 club lengths if that option is chosen or, the ball may be played as it lies.

GUR: All Ground Under Repair (GUR) areas are marked by white lines.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION: Pump house on #6 is an Immovable Obstruction. Free relief from for ball, stance and area of intended swing ONLY. No free relief for line of play. **150 Markers are immovable obstructions-free relief is available**

CART PATHS: Free relief from all cart paths that are paved or graveled. All white lined areas tied into cart paths have same status as cart path. No free relief from bare dirt paths. Other worn areas and service roads not surfaced (dirt) or marked are deemed to be integral parts of the course and the ball shall be played as it lies (no free relief). Stumps on the course are small trees, no relief without penalty unless otherwise marked.

ANIMAL HOLES: You or your competitor must see the ball actually roll into the hole or find it in a hole otherwise it is a lost ball. If it has been seen going into the hole, drop within one club length of the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole (NO PENALTY). Basically, you can't assume it went into a hole, it must be known or virtually certain that it went into a hole.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: "Point and shoot style" Range Finders will be allowed for use during the practice round and both rounds of tournament play with the following stipulations:

Devices that calculate slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. in addition to yardage are permitted, provided the player disables the device features for slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. prior to the start of their round. If the device features that calculate slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. are not disabled prior to the start of the round, that player and any player that utilizes the information will be disqualified.

GPS devices on cell phones and GPS watches are not permitted. Use of either will result in disqualification.

In each pairing, if any player or coach uses a measuring device then all players in the pairing will have access to the information. Failure to share information, if requested, or providing inaccurate information constitutes a sportsmanship violation.

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE: (20.1c(3)) Before making a stroke, state intention to play 2 balls, announce to your marker or another player which ball you wish to count if the rules allow. You **must** complete the hole with the two balls. At scoring, report the facts of the situation to the committee, Failure to report is **Disqualification.**

PROVISIONAL BALL: (Rule 18.3) If your ball might be Out of Bounds or lost outside of a Penalty Area, declare "Provisional Ball" and play a ball provisionally.

DISQUALIFICATION: Rule 24.2/1 If a player is disqualified from a round in a team competition in which not all scores count towards the team's total score, the disqualification applies only to that round of competition. However, they are then ineligible to qualify as an individual at the next level of competition.

SCORE CARDS: At the conclusion of your round, **proceed directly to the scoring area.** Scorecards are deemed returned to the Committee when the competitor leaves the defined scoring area.

RULES COMMITTEE: Susan Prugh, Ken Brink, John McCausland