

RHRLGC Local Rules (Revised 2025)

Official USGA rules govern play, except as modified by the following Local Rules adopted by the Red Hawk Ridge Ladies 18-Hole League.

Drop Zones

Drop zones may be used with a **one-stroke penalty** if the tee shot is lost or deemed unplayable. (Any ball may be declared unplayable by the player unless it is in a penalty area). Players may choose other forms of relief if desired.

1. Par 3s (6,14 and 17)
 - a. 6 and 14 should have indicated drop zones in grass. The ball must be dropped from the knee within the marked circle.
 - b. On 17, drop from the red tee box. Players must drop the ball from the knee in the teeing area (a rectangular area two club-lengths deep and between the tee markers).
2. Others (9 and 10)
 - a. On 9, drop from the red tee box. Players must drop the ball from the knee in the teeing area (a rectangular area two club-lengths deep and between the tee markers).
 - b. On 10, if a ball goes into the gully (marked as a yellow penalty area), the player has the following options:
 - i. Play the ball where it lies.
 - ii. Hit another ball from the original spot for a **one-stroke penalty**.
 - iii. Drop anywhere on a line from the hole and where the ball crossed the yellow line as far back as the player wants for a **one-stroke penalty**.
 - iv. Go to the drop zone on the other side of the gully (it should have an indicated drop zone in grass). and hit another ball for a **one-stroke penalty**. The ball must be dropped from the knee within the marked circle.

Alternative to Stroke and Distance for an Out of Bounds/Lost Ball

When a player's ball is thought to be out of bounds or lost, the player has the following options according to USGA rules:

1. Hit another ball from the original spot for a **one-stroke penalty**.
2. Hit a provisional ball from the original spot. If the ball is determined to be out of bounds or lost, use this provisional ball for a **one-stroke penalty**.

OR

The following Model Local Rule E-5 may be used **if a provisional ball has NOT been played and the ball is not in a penalty area**.

From the point where the ball went out of bounds or from the point where the original ball is estimated to be lost, go straight out to the fairway, **no nearer the hole**. The ball can then be dropped within two club lengths from the edge of the fairway for a **two-stroke penalty**.

Refer to USGA Rules for any final determinations. Remember, unless it is out of bounds, you may, of course, always play it as it lies for no penalty!