

LOCAL RULES

(For Everyday Play)

Coharie Country Club

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The 2023 Rules of Golf published by the United States Golf Association govern play along with the following local rules.

Out of Bounds: Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course side points at ground level of white stakes (holes #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, and #18) and the course side edge of the street (Coharie Drive on holes #2 and #18.) A ball that crosses an out of bounds boundary and comes to rest beyond that boundary is out of bounds even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes. **NOTE:** Model Local Rule E-5 regarding an alternative to stroke and distance for a lost ball or a ball out of bounds is in effect. For two penalty strokes, the player may drop a ball inside two club lengths in the fairway no nearer the hole than where the ball was likely to have been lost or no nearer the hole where the ball likely last crossed the course boundary.

Penalty Areas: Penalty areas are defined by red lines and identified by red stakes. Though not marked the wooded areas to the right of, or behind, holes #7, #8, #9, #11, #12, #16, and #17 are penalty areas, as is the wooded area to the left of hole #11. When a penalty area is defined only on one side, it extends to infinity. When a ball last crossed the edge of a red penalty area, as an extra relief option the player may drop a ball on the opposite side of the penalty area. When the edge of a body of water is not clearly defined by lines, the edge of that penalty area is defined by its natural boundaries (that is, where the ground slopes down to form the depression that can hold the water.) Penalty areas are found on the 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 16th, and 17th holes. Note: The paved cart paths running between the two ponds on the 9th hole and 16th holes are not in a penalty area, nor is the dirt maintenance road running between #9 and #10. The area and the dirt maintenance road to the right of the pond on #8 are in the penalty area.

Practice Range and Practice Bunker: The practice range is part of the general area. The practice bunker on the practice range is ground under repair and part of the general area, and free relief is available.

Optional Dropping Zones: While playing the 9th hole if there is interference by any immovable obstruction behind #9 green, (e.g., the paved driveway and parking lot, the brick wall, parked cars, and any other immovable artificial object) the player may as an additional option take free relief by dropping a ball in the dropping zone adjacent to the #9 green.

While playing the 18th hole if there is interference by any immovable obstruction behind #18 green, (e.g., the cart path, the fence around the swimming pool, the swimming pool area and any other immovable artificial object) the player may as an additional option take free relief by dropping a ball in the dropping zone adjacent to the #18 green.

All dropping zones are defined by white lines and identified by white stakes with green tops.

See also “Tennis Courts” below regarding an additional optional dropping zone.

Power Lines: If it is known or virtually certain that a player’s ball hit a power line during the play of a hole the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made.

Ground under Repair: Ground under repair is the area enclosed within white lines or the things included in the definition of ground under repair even if not defined by white lines, as are a deep rut made by a tractor or other vehicle, French drains, and newly trenched areas. For a ball found in ground under repair, relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b. For a ball not found but it is known or virtually certain the ball came to rest in the ground under repair, relief may be taken under Rule 16.1e.

Abnormal Course Conditions on Putting Green: The generally circular bare spots on the putting green of holes #1, #2, and #4 are deemed to be abnormal course conditions, and relief may be taken under Rule 16.1d. The temporary hole covers are abnormal course conditions, and relief may also be taken under Rule 16.1d. This relief is allowed only for a ball that lies on the green.

Sprinkler Heads near Greens: In addition to usual relief from an immovable obstruction, the player has an additional option of relief if the obstruction (e.g. sprinkler head) is: on the line of play; and is within two club-lengths of the putting green; and is within two club lengths of the ball; and the ball lies in a closely mown area.

Edging Grooves Around Putting Greens: The edging grooves around putting greens are ground under repair. If a player’s ball lies in or touches a groove or the groove interferes with the area of intended swing: ball in general area, the player may take free relief (drop) under Rule 16. 1b. or ball on putting green, the player may take free relief (place) under Rule 16. 1d. But interference does not exist if the edging groove only interferes with the player’s stance.

Tennis Courts: The tennis courts are immovable obstructions, and the usual relief is available; however, during play of the 18th hole, if either the protective screen or the fence of the tennis courts is also on a player’s line of play the player may, as an additional option, take free relief by dropping a ball in the dropping zone adjacent to the large pine tree. This relief option is only allowed if the ball is in play nearer the hole than where the dropping zone is located.

Portable Toilet: The portable toilet between the 6th and 7th hole is treated as an immovable obstruction since it is not easily moved and is not meant to be moved. It is not treated as a temporary immovable obstruction, and relief is not allowed for line of play interference.

Exposed Tree Roots: If a player’s ball lies in the general area cut to fairway height or less, and there is interference from exposed tree roots, the tree roots may be treated as ground under repair.

Unpaved Roads and Paths: All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially-surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.