

Huron Valley Women's Golf Club Eagle Crest League

Local Club Rules (dated August 2008)

Dropping Zones for Water Hazards

The USGA Rules of Golf, effective January 1, 2008, permit the establishment of a local rule on the use of Dropping Zones {Appendix I, Part A #6 & Part B #8}. The HWWGC Eagle Crest league has established dropping zones for most *water hazards* {delineated by yellow stakes} as indicated below.

Therefore, if a player hits a ball within the boundaries of one of the *water hazards* indicated below, the player may

- (i) proceed under Rule 26; or
- (ii) as an additional option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the Dropping Zone {the placement of which is indicated below}.

Special Rule for Hole #10

In order to speed play, the HWWGC Eagle Crest League has adopted a local rule permitting a drop zone for balls that are unplayable or lost off the tee. {The lost ball special rule is being adopted because play has often been delayed searching for tee shots that have landed in the unmowed gorse grass or in the valley in front of the tee. In accordance with USGA Rule 28, a player can deem the ball unplayable at any place on the course, except in a *water hazard*.}

Therefore, if a player determines a tee shot on #10 to be unplayable or if the ball is lost, as an additional option the player can drop the ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the designated Dropping Zone.

Hazards that have both yellow stakes and red stakes

Some hazards have a yellow stake next to a red stake.

- If the ball crosses the boundary of the *water hazard* {the portion of the hazard delineated by a yellow stake} it is played using the USGA rules for a water hazard.
- If the ball crosses the boundary of the *lateral water hazard* {the portion of the hazard delineated by a red stake} , it is played using the USGA rules for a lateral water hazard.

Designated Dropping Zones - ○

Hole #3

- The *water hazard* is the pond in front of the green.
- The designated dropping zone is in the rough up from the hazard, just to the left of the bridge.



Hole #4

- The *water hazard* is the pond in front of the tee.
- The designated dropping zone is in the rough between the hazard and the cart path, just to the left of the bridge.



Hole #10

Special unplayable ball rule.

- - - The designated dropping zone area is in the fairway in an area two clublengths long by two clublengths wide along the back right margin of the fairway.

Hole #12

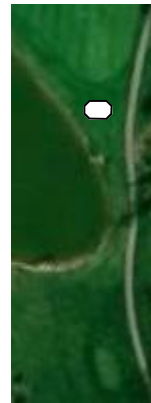
- The *water hazard* is the pond in front of the tee.
- The designated dropping zone is in the rough between the hazard and the moguls.



NOTE: Holes #1 and #2 have water lining the left side of the fairway. A portion of those waters is a *water hazard* {delineated by yellow stakes} and a portion is a *lateral water hazard* {delineated by red stakes}. No dropping zone is being established for the *water hazard* on those two holes.

Hole #13

- The *water hazard* is the pond in front of the green.
- The designated dropping zone is in the rough up from the hazard, just to the right of the cartpath.



Hole #15

- The *water hazard* is the pond in front of the tee.
- The designated dropping zone is in the rough up from the hazard, to the left of the blue 200 yard mark painted on the cart path. {NOTE: All other margins of the water on this hole are a *lateral water hazard*, which must be played from where the ball crossed the boundary of the *lateral water hazard* and not from where the ball ended up in the water.}

Hole #16

- The *water hazard* is the pond in front of the island green.
- The designated dropping zone is in the rough to the right of the cart path.



Hole #17

NOTE: The water on this hole is a *lateral water hazard*. If a player chooses to drop a ball, the ball must be dropped from where the ball crossed the boundary of the hazard. For tee shots that did not bounce on land before entering the water, this usually means the edge of the water near the teeing area – see diagram.