



## **2017 USGA Rules Govern Play**

### **The following local rules supplement the current USGA Rules of Golf**

**The embedded ball rule** is in effect through the green. (App.1, pp. 93)

**Immovable Obstruction Close to Putting Green:** If a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and an immovable obstruction on or with-in two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows; The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole., (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted. (App. 1 pp. 101)

**Flower beds** located throughout the course are an integral part of the course and players should play their golf ball as it lies.

**Stones in bunkers** are moveable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies) and they may be removed without penalty.

**Bulkheads** located outside the perimeter of a hazard are defined as an Immoveable Obstruction and a player may take free relief under Rule 24-2

**Out of bounds** is determined by white stakes. In absence of white stakes or the inability to line them up, out of bounds will be determined by golf course property boundaries (where the Bermuda grass ends and St. Augustine grass begins).

**Hazards** are played as lateral and are marked by red stakes/red lines.

**Play of ball provisionally** under rule 26-1. If there is doubt whether a ball is in or is lost in the water/lateral hazard, the player may play another ball provisionally under the applicable options under rule 26-1.

**PLEASE:** cell phones for emergencies only!

No Talking –No Texting