

# Emerald Bay Golf Club

## Rules of Play

### 1. Out of Bounds and Course Boundaries

- a. Out of bounds is defined by the inside edge of white stakes at ground level, property line fencing, and the public roads where they align with Holes #1, #3, #9, #12, #15, and #18.
- b. A ball is out of bounds when all of the ball lies beyond the inside edge of the white boundary stakes at ground level, or lies beyond the property fence defining the boundary, or comes to rest on or beyond a road that defines out of bounds. If a ball crosses a road defining out of bounds, it is out of bounds even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds.

### 2. Penalty Areas

- a. Red penalty areas are located on Holes #7, #9, #10, #11, #12 and #13.
- b. Yellow penalty areas are located on Holes #8 and #18. For LGA play only, a dropping zone, denoted by a black concrete circular block, is located on the green side of these penalty areas as an additional option for relief from the penalty area. The ball must be dropped within one club-length of the block, no nearer to the hole, and an additional penalty stroke must be added (for a total of two penalty strokes).

### 3. Abnormal Course Conditions / Obstructions

- a. **Ground Under Repair** – Includes but not limited to:
  - Any area that is encircled by a white line;
  - French drains that are filled with rocks or stones;
  - Temporary water that is located in the general area, in bunkers or on the greens;
  - Fire ant mounds that are anywhere on the course;
  - Newly placed sod that is not defined as ground under repair with a white line – relief is allowed if the player's ball lies in the seam of the cut turf or so close to the seam that it interferes with player's area of intended swing. There is no relief for a stance that is on a sod seam unless defined by a white line.
- b. **Power lines and supporting poles on hole #12** – If a player's ball hits the power lines or supporting poles, the player must cancel the stroke and replay a ball from the spot that the stroke was made. No penalty.
- c. **Immovable Obstructions or ground under repair (GUR) on or Close to Putting Green** – For a ball in the general area, relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b when both the ball and the 1) immovable obstruction or 2) GUR lie in an area cut to fairway height or less. The obstruction or GUR must be located i) on or within two club-lengths of the putting green ii) on the player's line of play, and iii) the ball must be within two club-lengths of the obstruction or GUR. If interference on the line of play does exist, relief is allowed at the nearest point of complete relief, and a ball may be dropped within one club length of that point, no nearer to the hole.
- d. **Immovable Obstructions** – Includes but not limited to:
  - Artificially surfaced roads and paths, including curbing or other artificial edges adjoining cart paths;
  - Irrigation control metal boxes, plastic covers for underground controls, and sprinkler heads;
  - Concrete culverts, concrete yardage markers in the fairways, man-hole covers with concrete bases, metal drains, and concrete drainage lines located behind #1 green and right of #5 tee, left of #16 and #17 fairways and left of #18 fairway;
  - MUD controls stations located at #3 tee and #18 left rough, unless marked as GUR;
  - Tee sign, trash can and ball washer complexes at each tee;
  - Bathrooms located at #2/#5 tees, #7 tee, and #17 tee;
  - Pump houses located left of #5 fairway and right of #18 green;
  - Decorative flower beds located at #1 tee, behind #2 tee, left of #4 green, right of #9 tee and behind green, left of #18 green, at the pump house right of #18 green and at all bathrooms.

4. **Embedded Ball** – Except when it lies in a bunker or a penalty area, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground may be lifted, cleaned and dropped within one club length of where the ball is embedded, but no nearer to the hole. Rule 16.