

USGA - Rules - 2023

1. Search time for a ball is now 3 minutes.
2. No penalty if ball moves when searching for it.
3. Free drop for balls embedded anywhere in the general area of your current hole.
4. Club length = your longest club, except for putter.
5. Drop ball from knee height.
6. Ball accidentally hitting the player or equipment is without penalty. (Like golf cart)
7. Double hit counts as one stroke.
8. Touching the sand incidentally is permitted in the trap.
9. Loose impediments can be removed everywhere.
10. Drop a ball behind the bunker with 2-stroke penalty. (see LWGA Rule #3)
11. Water hazards are now called red and yellow penalty areas.
12. Touching the ground and water in a penalty area is permitted.
13. Ball moves on the green after being put back: Put it back without penalty.
14. Ball on the green moved accidentally by the player: Put it back without penalty.
15. Repairing damage on the green is without penalty.
16. Ball partly below the lip of the hole is classed as holed.
17. Positioning a club for alignment purposes is not permitted.
18. Caddie standing behind the player to assist her with alignment is not permitted.
19. Hitting the flagstick in the hole is without penalty.

LWGA 2023 Rules of Play

1. A player may improve their lie one scorecard length in their own fairway. A ball cannot be moved from the rough into the fairway. **Lift, clean, and place is only in effect when announced before the round.**
2. Tall grasses are considered a regular part of the course. A player must find their ball, within 3 minutes, or it is deemed lost. Drop from the point of entry, take a lost ball penalty, play on.
3. Sand traps are back in play. If you choose not to play a trap, you may drop your ball behind the bunker with 1-stroke penalty
4. In the spirit of fun and camaraderie, a player may ask for advice, but NO UNSOLICITED ADVICE CAN BE OFFERED. Unsolicited advice warrants a one-stroke penalty.
5. Count all strokes. Prizes are awarded for low gross and net scores. Net scores will be determined by deducting Course Handicap from Gross score.

6. Electronic measuring devices are permitted for use unless otherwise specified.
7. Post all scores into GHIN from rounds of golf played (even when traveling). Golf scoring season in Kentucky is March-October. League scores, will be posted for you.

Local Course Rules

Tates Creek Golf Course

- a. #1 and #5: Concrete lined ditches are free drop areas.
- b. #5 The water-logged area at the end of the concrete ditch on the left is ground under repair. Free drop, no closer to hole, no penalty.
- c. #16 If the ball is near the wall or in the water, it is deemed in the hazard. The player should drop the ball within two club lengths, no closer to the hole, with a one stroke penalty.
- d. #17 After hitting a ball into the water, the player may proceed to the designated drop spot to hit their **third** shot. If a player attempts a second tee shot, they should proceed to the designated drop spot to **shoot** their **fifth**.

Lakeside Golf Course

#4: The area to the left has been designated as an environmentally sensitive area. If a ball goes into that area, do not enter to search for the ball. Place your ball 1 club length outside the area, no closer to the hole with no penalty. This is also true of the areas where butterfly-attracting plants are growing.

****All players should conduct themselves with courtesy and good sportsmanship, while abiding by the rules of golf. Cell phones must be on silent mode and used for emergencies only. Players must maintain an acceptable pace of play. ****