

PHILIPSBURG ELKS LODGE & COUNTRY CLUB

LOCAL RULES – LAST REVISED March 2015

ALL USGA RULES GOVERN PLAY

- 1) **OUT OF BOUNDS** - DEFINED BY INSIDE EDGE; WHITE STAKES ON #1, #2, #8 & #9; INSIDE EDGE OF THE ROAD / CURB ON # 9.
- 2) **WATER HAZARD** - DITCHES ON # 3 & # 5 MARKED WITH YELLOW PAINT / STAKES ARE HAZARDS. LEFT SIDE OF #3 MARKED IN RED PAINT / STAKES: LATERAL HAZARD (THE HAZARD IS DEFINED ON ONE SIDE ONLY AND IS DEEMED TO EXTEND TO INFINITY; “VIRTUALLY CERTAIN” WILL BE DEFINED AS: *the player may drop under USGA rules as near as possible where the consensus of the group agrees the ball had to have last crossed the hazard line even though there is no physical evidence. Once the group agrees and the drop is made the ball is in play.*
- 3) **HOLE #4** – RAILROAD TIES IN BUNKERS – FREE DROP (IN BUNKER), STANCE & SWING, CLOSER TO THE HOLE IF NECESSARY.
- 4) **CART PATH ON # 1 & # 6** - IF YOU NEED TO TAKE A DROP FROM THE START OF THE MOUNDS TO THE END OF THE MOUNDS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO DROP TOWARDS # 6, YOU DO NOT NEED TO DROP ON THE MOUNDS.
- 5) **HOLE # 8** - THE DUMP / WATER PIT ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE IS GROUND UNDER REPAIR.
- 6) **HOLE #9** – DRAINAGE DITCH ALONG EDGE OF THE ROAD FREE DROP, STANCE & SWING: NO RELIEF FROM ROAD.
- 7) **MULCHED AREAS / FLOWER BEDS** - ON THE GOLF COURSE ARE PART OF THE GOLF COURSE AND THE BALL SHOULD BE PLAYED AS IT LIES OR UNDER USGA RULES.
- 8) **WATER LINES** - THAT HAVE SUNK ENTITLED TO A ONE CLUB LENGTH DROP, STANCE & SWING.
- 9) **EMBEDDED BALL** - IS IN EFFECT USGA 25-2: LOCAL RULE ADDITION “THROUGH THE GREEN”.
- 10) **STAKED TREE** - ENTITLED TO A FREE DROP NO NEARER THE HOLE: STANCE, SWING & LINE OF SIGHT.
- 11) **STUMPS** - MARKED WITH A BLUE “X” ON TOP ARE ENTITLED TO A FREE DROP STANCE & SWING.
- 12) **BLUE STAKES ON #5 & #6** - DEFINE THE FAIRWAY. ANY BALL TO THE RIGHT OF THE STAKES AND IS IN THE SHORT GRASS IS CONSIDERED TO BE IN YOUR FAIRWAY.
- 13) **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE** - PERMITTED WITH DEVICES THAT MEASURE DISTANCE ONLY. DEVICES THAT MEASURE OR GAUGE OTHER CONDITIONS THAT MAY AFFECT PLAY ARE IN BREACH OF USGA RULE 14-3, REGARDLESS AS TO WHETHER THOSE FUNCTIONS ARE ACTUALLY USED.
- 14) **DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY** - SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS CONDITIONS WILL BE SIGNALLED WITH ONE PROLONGED SIREN, PLAY MUST BE HAULTED IMMEDIATELY. ALL OTHER SUSPENSIONS OF PLAY WILL BE SIGNALLED WITH 3 SHORT SIREN REPEATED, PLAYERS HAVE THE OPTION TO FINISH THE HOLE THEY ARE ON. RESUMPTION OF PLAY WILL BE SIGNALLED WITH 2 SHORT SIRENS REPEATED.

MEN - WHITE MARKERS / LADIES – RED MARKERS ON THE FRONT 9

MEN – BLUE MARKERS / LADIES – RED PLUS A COLOR ON BACK 9

PLAY ALL YOUR FRONT NINE HOLES FIRST DURING SHOTGUN STARTS

