



LOCAL RULE UPDATE ON HOLE 14

Dear Members,

As we all know, Hole #14 has always been an exceedingly difficult hole to gauge a consistent ruling on how to proceed with a “lost ball” in the area of the course where visibility is halted. *“Is it in the hazard?” “Is it Out of Bounds?” “I think my ball is in the water, but I can’t identify it because the water is murky.” “I think it hit the hill on the right, but I can’t find it, so it must be in the water.”* There are a plethora of questionable scenarios where doubt comes into play.

For decades, the rules committee has tried to implement ways to make a ruling that is consistent, fair, and well known amongst our members . In the end, there remains confusion, indecisiveness and questioning on how to properly play this hole. We have gone back to the drawing board to produce a solution to nullify any qualms of how this hole should be played.

We are excited to announce a new local rule moving forward that will make playing this hole much clearer and concise for all our members. Again, our ultimate goal with this decision is to protect the integrity of the game and to eliminate any questioning, indecisiveness, arguments, etc. By no means was this decision agreed upon to solely benefit any skill level of golfers, flights, or specific members.

LOCAL RULE UPDATE:

NEW:

- We are extending the Out-of-Bounds that surrounds the Maintenance building to include the creek between the walking bridge and the bridge in front of the green. The creek to the left of the walking bridge and to the right of the bridge in front of the green remains a hazard.
- This will result in Stroke & Distance relief (1 shot penalty). If your ball is in the water or right of the water between those bridges, you must tee again and your next tee shot is your 3rd stroke. **We HIGHLY encourage playing a provisional ball on ANY questionable balls.**
- As a result of this change, there will no longer be a DROP ZONE left of the first (walking) bridge



- Note that the Town has decided to NOT move the White Stakes across the creek to include the creek but our Club will play that area as if the stakes are on the left side of the creek instead of where they are on the right of the creek.

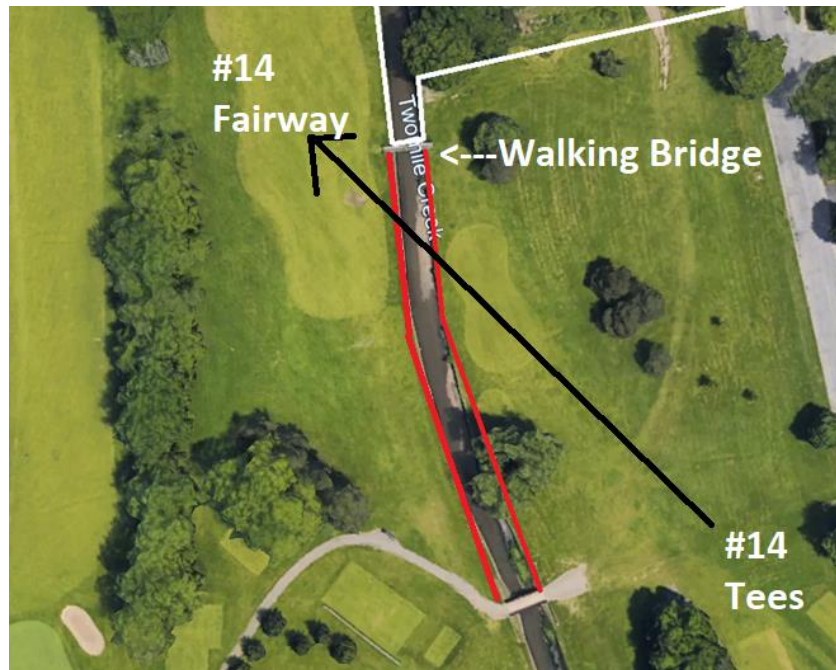
The Pictures below show this in detail.

1. The creek between the walking bridge and the bridge in front of the green and anything to the right of that are now Out of Bounds. This essentially extends the marked OB area that surrounds the Maintenance Building to include the creek.





2. The creek short of the walking bridge will continue to be played as a red penalty area



3. The creek past the bridge in front of the green will also be played as a red penalty area





The Rest Stays the Same:

- Areas around Parks Department maintenance area on right are marked WHITE (Out of Bounds).
- Roads right of and behind green are Out of Bounds. Fence to right of the green is protective.
- A ball coming to rest against the fence around maintenance area or against the foundation of the maintenance building does not get relief and ball must be played as it lies or as an unplayable.
- Balls coming to rest inside or against the fence around weather station get relief – not nearer the hole. Since the weather station is considered a man-made hazard, you also get swing relief and line of sight relief.