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**SHERIDAN PARK GOLF CLUB**

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**LOCAL RULES  
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**HOLE 1** – The trees and brush, left of the tee box is considered a **red penalty area**. The creek is considered a **red penalty area**. A lost ball **right** of the creek will require you to go to the drop area left of the culvert, in the rough, and incur a one stroke penalty. If you enter the water on the right side of the creek, play as a **red penalty area** where the ball last crossed the hazard line. The driveway and parking lot of the NOCO Pavilion are Out of Bounds. Anywhere past the curb on Ensminger Rd. is out of bounds. The bare ground to the left and behind the left sand trap is Ground Under Repair.

**HOLE 2** - Fence to right of tee is protective.

**HOLE 3** - Anywhere right of the curb on Two Mile Creek Rd. is out of bounds. The white line on Ensminger Rd. is the out of bounds line. You can play the ball off the shoulder as it lies with no relief.

**HOLE 4** – Relief **IS** given from the two big rocks next to the dam in front of the creek, providing you are not in the **red penalty area**. All water is considered a **red penalty area**.

**HOLE 5** – The concrete drainage ditch on the left side, and the road to left side is Out of Bounds. The Fence behind the green is out of bounds and **NOT** considered protective. No relief is given from the fence.

**HOLE 6** – The fence posts on the left mark Out of Bounds (**NO** swing relief is given from the posts).

**HOLE 7** - The fence posts on left mark Out of Bounds (**NO** swing relief is given from the fence posts). The water and bushes to right are considered a **red penalty area**. The spoil pile to the right of fairway (approx. 220 yards from white tee) is considered Ground Under Repair.

**HOLE 8** - The white line on Ensminger Rd. is the out of bounds line. No relief is given from the shoulder of the road.

**HOLE 9** - The heavy brush right of the fairway and right of the green are considered a **red penalty area**. The heavy brush left of the green is considered a **red penalty area**. The parking lot is Out of Bounds. You **DO** receive relief from the rocks lining the cart path.

**HOLE 10** – The inside edge of the sidewalk and road, going down the right side, is Out of Bounds. The fence around the cart barn is Out of Bounds and **NOT** considered protective. No relief is given from that fence or Out Of Bounds Posts. The fence guarding the Clubhouse is considered protective. The fence protecting the 11<sup>th</sup> tee is considered protective. The heavy brush left of the hole is a **red penalty area**.

**HOLE 11** – The roads are out of Bounds. Relief is given from the sidewalks. The fence behind the green is protective. A ball located between the protective fence and the road is considered in bounds, and player may take a drop inside the fence with swing relief, no closer to the hole. Road behind the green is Out of Bounds. Heavy brush area to the left of the fairway and rough are considered a **red penalty area**.

**HOLE 12** – All water is considered a **red penalty area**. A ball that lands on the other side of the water but rolls back into the water must be played as lies or from designated Drop Zone at the end of the cart path. The area of heavy brush between the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> holes is considered a **red penalty area**. The heavy brush area to the right of the fairway, and short of the green, is considered a **red penalty area**.

**HOLE 13** – The road behind green is Out of Bounds. The fence behind the green is protective. A ball located between the protective fence and the road is considered in bounds, and player may take a drop inside the fence with swing relief, no closer to the hole. The bare areas to the left and behind the green is considered ground under repair. Drop at nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole. The wooded areas to the left and right are **red penalty areas**.

**HOLE 14** – The creek is defined as a red penalty area.

If it is known or virtually certain that a ball entered the creek, the player may:

- 1) Take standard lateral relief under the Rules of Golf from the point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area; or
- 2) Proceed to the designated Drop Zone at the beginning of the fairway, in front of the gold tees, and play from there taking a one-stroke penalty.

The maintenance shed area marked by white stakes is Out of Bounds. As a local rule, a ball that is known or virtually certain to be Out of Bounds in this area may be played from the designated Drop Zone at the beginning of the fairway under a one-stroke penalty.

If a player cannot determine whether the ball entered the creek or came to rest in the white-staked Out of Bounds area, the player shall proceed directly to the designated Drop Zone and add one penalty stroke.

If you have any doubt whether your ball is in play, please hit a provisional from the drop area, to speed up play.

**HOLE 14 (Continued)** - Roads right of and behind green are Out of Bounds. The 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.

For balls coming to rest inside or against the weather station fence, swing and line of sight relief is given, not nearer the hole.

The top of the stone wall lining the creek is considered in the **red penalty area**. If your ball comes to rest between the grass and the stone wall, you get relief.

**HOLE 15** – No local rules are needed for this hole.

**HOLE 16** – The heavy brush area to the left and right, before the creek is considered a **red penalty area**. The drop area for balls assumed to enter the heavy brush areas left and right, or in the creek hazard area, is located just left of the bridge, on the tee side of the creek. The fence to left of the green is Out of Bounds (No swing relief). The road behind green is Out of Bounds. The guide rail behind green is an obstruction. The heavy brush area behind the green is considered a **red penalty area**.

**HOLE 17** – The road down the left side and behind the green, anywhere past the curbs, is out of bounds. The white staked area from road to creek is Out of Bounds. The fence to left of fairway is protective. Bare areas left and behind the green, and adjacent to the cart path on the right are considered ground under repair. For tee balls hit to the left, unless player can see their ball come to rest from the tee, should assume it lost and declare and hit a provisional ball. The creek up to the first white Out of Bounds stake is a **red penalty area**. A ball that **clearly entered** the creek from the right side (between the two white stakes) is considered in the **red penalty area**.

**HOLE 18** - The fence behind the green is protective. The **red penalty areas** are as defined on Holes 1 & 14.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

**Protective Fences** - Swing relief and line of sight relief (if needed) drop no nearer hole. No penalty incurred

**150 Yard Posts** - Considered man-made hazards. Free drop for swing relief and line of sight relief.

**Bridges** – **NO** line-of-sight relief from the cart or walking bridges. Swing relief is if using your normal stance and club selection and your swing would contact the bridge or poured curb (if your ball is outside the **red penalty area**).

## DEFINITIONS (Continued):

### Red Penalty Area – Three Options:

- **Stroke-and-Distance**: Return to the spot where you last played and hit again, incurring one penalty stroke.
- **Back-on-the-Line**: You may drop a ball behind the penalty area, keeping the point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area directly between the hole and the drop point. You can go back on this line as far as you wish for one penalty stroke.
- **Lateral**: You can drop a ball within two club lengths of where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area, but not nearer to the hole.

**Reforestation** - Downed trees, staked trees, tree stumps and the area surrounding, that have not been mowed, are considered as ground under repair.

**Known or Virtually Certain** - The standard for deciding what happened to a player's ball – for example, whether the ball came to rest in a penalty area. **Known or virtually certain** means more than just possible or probable. It means that either:

- There is conclusive evidence that the event in question happened to the player's ball, such as when the player or other witnesses saw it happen, or
- Although there is a very small degree of doubt, all reasonably available information shows that it is at least 95% likely that the event in question happened.

"All reasonably available information" includes all information the player knows and all other information they can get with reasonable effort. When searching for a ball, only information discovered within the three-minute search time is considered when determining whether knowledge or virtual certainty exists.

**USGA Local Rule E-5 can NOT be used in tournaments.**