



## Schomp BMW Cup

A Colorado AvidGolfer Signature Event

### OFFICIAL RULES OF PLAY

### RULES OF GOLF AND LOCAL RULES SHALL GOVERN ALL PLAY

- **Format:** One-18-Hole Stipulated Rounds of Four-Ball Stroke Play. Players are required to have an USGA Handicap and are allowed 90% of their course handicap and maximum of 10 strokes between partners. If a team has more than 10 strokes difference in handicaps, the higher handicap will be lowered to 10 above the lower handicap.
  - NOTE: Maximum Score (Rule 21.2) – The player's maximum score per hole is double par. Once a player reaches the maximum score per hole, then they must pick-up and allow their partner to finish the hole.
- **Scoring (Rule 23.2b):** The side's gross scores for each hole must be entered on a single scorecard. The lowest Net score of the side will be marked on the yellow line provided on the bottom of the scorecard. The individual Net score is determined by subtracting the number of black dots from that individual's Gross Score. The side's Total Net score will be calculated by adding the net scores of the yellow line at the completion of the round.
- **Ties:** Ties will be decided by a scorecard playoff. The match of cards procedure will be consistent with the USGA preferred procedure (holes 10-18, holes 13-18, hole 19, hole-by-hole starting at hole 1.)
- **Tees:** Men will play from the Schomp BMW Cup Tees (6,111 yards | Rating = 68.8 | Slope = 128  
Women will play from the Sage/Umber Combo Tees (4,709 yards | Rating = 67.3 | Slope = 133)
- **Out of Bounds (Rule 18)** - Defined by white stakes, perimeter fences and/or the inside edge (course side) any public road. A ball that crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course. (Exception the tee shot on hole #17) Double stakes turn a boundary line and provide a sight line of the unmarked boundary from that point to infinity.
- **Dropping Zones (E-1.1):** If a ball is in the penalty area on any par 3 hole, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball has not been found came to rest in the penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:
  - Take Relief under 17.1, or
  - As an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
  - NOTE: The dropping zone is defined by the specific teeing area below
    - Hole # 3 – Umber Tee
    - Hole # 6 – Sage Tee
    - Hole # 9 – Sage Tee
    - Hole # 16 – Sage Tee
- **Embedded Ball:** Ball must be embedded in the general area. Relief is allowed under Rule 16.3b only when a player's ball is embedded in the general area.
  - Exceptions** - When relief not allowed for ball embedded in the general area: Relief under Rule 16.3b is not allowed:
    - When the ball is embedded in sand in a part of the general area that is not cut to fairway height or less, or
    - When interference by anything other than the ball being embedded makes the stroke clearly unreasonable.
- **Distance Measuring Devices:** A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a(1.)
- **Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green (F-5):** Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under 16.1. The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play:
  - Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:
    - On the line of play, and is:
      - Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
      - Within two club-lengths of the ball.
    - Exception – No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.
- **Animal Hoof Damage (F-13):** Damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by animal hoofs is ground under repair from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. [But on the putting, Rule 16.1 does not apply as such damage may be repaired under Rule 13.1]
- **Procedure for Bad Weather and Suspension of Play** – When play is suspended by the committee for a dangerous situation, one long horn blast from the lightning siren indicates a suspension of play; at the sound of the horn please seek shelter immediately. Play must discontinue immediately and not resume until the lightning siren sounds off with a high & low alternating pitch.
- **Rules Issues in Stroke Play** – A player who is uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole may complete the hole with two balls without penalty. The player must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning the scorecard, even if the player scores the same with both balls. The player is disqualified if he or she fails to do so.



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- **Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds(E-5):** When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

**a. Ball Reference Point:** The point where the original ball is estimated to have:

- Come to rest on the course, or
- Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.

**b. Fairway Reference Point:** The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, **but** is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less. If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between:

- A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line).

**But** with these limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must be in the general area, and
- Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

**But** the player may **NOT** use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3).

A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

If the Local Rule is in effect, you can still take stroke-and-distance relief, but you now have the following additional option that comes with a penalty of two strokes:

<p><b>A</b> <b>DETERMINE SPOT</b> where your ball went out of bounds (left diagram) or is likely to be lost (right diagram).</p>	<p><b>B</b> <b>FIND NEAREST FAIRWAY EDGE</b> no closer to the hole.</p>	<p><b>C</b> <b>DROP YOUR BALL IN SHADED AREA</b> as defined on one side by a line from the hole through point A and on the other side by a line from the hole through point B, and not nearer the hole. The relief area is extended on both sides by two club-lengths.</p>	<p>This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.</p>
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- **Rules Committee** – Determined by The Club at Ravenna Director of Golf George Kahrhoff