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P.O.E.T.S. Golf Club

Updated – Just to clarify –there is no free relief obtained when a ball comes to rest on a rock at any place on the golf course!! An option available to the player is to take an unplayable lie under rule 28 recited here:

All defined terms are in *italics* and are listed alphabetically in the Definitions section.

The player may deem his ball unplayable at any place on the *course*, except when the ball is in a *water hazard*. The player is the sole judge as to whether his ball is unplayable.

If the player deems his ball to be unplayable, he must, under penalty of one stroke:

- a. Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule 20-5); or
- b. Drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the *hole* and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped; or
- c. Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the *hole*.

If the unplayable ball is in a *bunker*, the player may proceed under Clause a, b or c. If he elects to proceed under Clause b or c, a ball must be dropped in the *bunker*.

Re: Explanation and clarification of Winter Rules and Leaf Rule

As we embark on another Fall/Winter season here is clarification on some of the major local rules that we may use during the season – the “Leaf Rule” and “Winter Rules” will be invoked on a week to week basis or “until further notice” but check to be sure before you start a competitive round!!

LEAF RULE—For all mowed areas (through the green) a player’s ball that becomes lost in an area of heavy leaf debris may be replaced in an agreed upon position (another member of the group must agree) without penalty.

- The wooded areas are not “through the green” !
- Hazards and bunkers are not “through the green”!
- All players must determine where the ball became lost in a timely fashion (less than 3 minutes) and facilitate the replacement.
- The replaced ball once played is the “ball in play” – regardless of whether the original ball is found!

WINTER RULES – As conditions require Winter rules may be invoked as a local rule for the specified round. We define winter rules with the following—

LIFT, CLEAN and PLACE – As specified before the competitive round, a player’s ball within mowed areas (through the green) may be marked, cleaned and placed within 6 inches no closer to the hole while maintaining the playing condition

(rough/rough, fairway/fairway). A ball on the fringe of the putting surface must not be placed on the putting surface!

A few other reminders:

-replace all divots and/or sand if provided

-repair all ball marks

-rake out bunkers

-maintain pace of play –

Remember – If you cannot see the group in front you are out of position and must catch