



Twin Oaks Men's Golf Club

Rules and Greens Monthly Newsletter

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Scheduled play for December: **Wed 2nd, Stableford, Wed 9th, The Santa Shootout, Wed 16th, 2 Man Best Ball,**

Wed 23rd, Christmas? Wed 30th, Members Choice

(All play subject to change)

Out of Bounds: The horse is down, so why don't we beat it just a little more, eh? We should know that a ball hit out of bounds would result in a penalty of stroke and distance, and, a provisional ball must be hit before going forward to search for that ball. Otherwise, we exhaust our five minute search period, and then go back and put a ball into play. But what designates out of bounds, and where are the out of bounds on our Twin Oaks Golf Course? Before that, however, let's look at how the Rules of Golf defines "Out of Bounds."

Out of Bounds- "*Out of Bounds*" is beyond the boundaries of the course or any part of the course so marked by the Committee. When out of bounds is defined by reference to stakes or a fence or as being beyond stakes or a fence, the out of bounds line is determined by the nearest inside (course) points at ground level of the stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports). When both stakes and lines are used to indicate out of bounds, the stakes identify out of bounds and the lines define out of bounds. When out of bounds is defined by a line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds. The out of bounds line extends vertically upwards and downwards. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies out of bounds. A player may stand out of bounds to play a ball lying within bounds. Objects defining out of bounds such as walls, fences, stakes and railings are not obstructions and are deemed to be fixed. Stakes identifying out of bounds are not obstructions and are deemed to be fixed (they cannot be removed unlike red, yellow, or green stakes).

Note 1: Stakes or lines used to define out of bounds should be white.

Note 2: A Committee may make a Local Rule declaring stakes identifying but not defining out of bounds to be obstructions.

The score card for our Twin Oaks golf course provides some additional clarification. Under Consideration of play, we are advised that – Hole #9 out of bounds is defined by the inside (course edge) of the driving range fence. And also that – Concrete fence denotes out of bounds.

So, as far as our golf course goes, we should understand that the railed fences define out of bounds (along #2 and #12 for example). Additionally, there are also concrete fences around the course which also define out of bounds (#4 and #16 for example). It should also be noted that there are out of bounds areas which are not defined by fences or stakes, but which are obviously not part of the golf course (the entry road along the left edge of the number one tee, and also beyond the number 18 green as an example). There was also a question about the planted area behind number eight green, I thought I even saw a white stake up there, but I have been advised by the golf course that this area is in play up to the fence for the housing. And there we go!