Durand Eastman Golf Club Local Rules – 2019

1. **Fairways**: Defined by the cut of the grass, all other areas considered as rough

2. **Summer Rules**: Expect that summer rules (play the ball as it lies) will be in force unless a notice is posted in the pro shop stating otherwise.

3. **Preferred Lies/Winter Rules**: If severe conditions exist, a sign will be posted in the pro shop. Under this temporary local rule, a player who's ball is in the fairway, after marking his position, may lift, clean, and place his ball to it’s original position. If the ball is in its original pitch mark then embedded ball rule will apply (Rule 16.3b). Fringe of greens is considered fairway.

4. **Penalty Areas**: All penalty areas will be designated as Red Penalty Areas and will be designated by red stakes and red paint line and stakes. **Out-of-bounds**: Out of bounds is defined by white stakes. If a stake is obviously missing, it will be the responsibility of the foursome to decide if the ball is in play.

5. **Staked/tagged trees and flower beds**: Trees less than 2 club lengths high, staked or tagged trees, or flower beds - free drop within one club length of nearest point of relief no nearer the hole.

6. **Cart path near green on #4** - Cart path posts are immovable obstructions (relief for stance/swing) - drop within 1 club length nearest point of relief (it may be up the hill); may want to consider options under unplayable lie rule

7. **Measuring Devices** - use of measuring devices that comply with USGA rules is allowed in both regular and tournament play.

8. **General Speed of Play and Etiquette:**

   a. **Slow play** - If a group falls behind by a full hole, the group behind them has the right to alert them and then play through without question. **During tournament play**, when a marshal is monitoring pace of play, foursomes that are more than 1 hole behind and playing at a pace >15 minutes per hole, will be given a warning. They will then have 2 holes to regain proper positioning. If they fail to catch up a 2-stroke penalty will be assessed to each player of the foursome. They will then have 2 more holes to catch up. If they still haven’t regained their proper position, then the foursome is subject to disqualification.

   b. Par 3’s (#5, #8, #12, #17) - wave up players, if no gap between your group and group ahead - #12 especially, to help avoid lost balls

   c. Hole #4 - landing area - wave players on the tee to hit to speed play after finding your balls.

   d. Hole #4 - green - leave by way of upper path to speed play.

   e. Hole #16 - do not drive up by the tee (off the cart path)

   f. Hole #16 - do not try to drive the green while players are still on it (players on green. Wave up players behind if will not delay play).
g. Carts - use 90 degree rule, obey restricted staked areas

h. **NOTE: ALL scores MUST be posted by Player unless informed otherwise**

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**Relief Situations – Ground Under Repair**

*As determined by Club Pro*

Where course is not marked:

1. Mark, lift, clean, and drop (nearest point of relief + 1 club length)
   
   a. Obvious ground under repair, such as holes filled with plugs, torn turf due to grubs
   
   b. Newly sodded/seeded areas and loose soil immediately next to it
   
   c. Deep ruts from equipment (usually in muddy areas and covered by casual water rule)
   
   d. Holes due to collapsed of French drains
   
   e. Very muddy areas - these are covered by Abnormal Ground Conditions (Rule 16).

2. Immovable Object - No relief from debris piles located out of mown areas (Rule 19).

3. Lost ball due to abnormal course condition (very soft ground or unmown turf (normally mown)

   a. Player to use best judgment and use all available information in determining point of entry, then nearest point of relief within 1 club length

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**New Designated Penalty Areas**

In addition to the existing Penalty areas, the changes listed below are now designated.
1) Hole #2 Penalty area for creek on left until red stake. This penalty area will continue up the hill to the left of the creek.

2) Hole #4 Penalty area for woods on right side from tee area to bend in cart path.

3) Hole #12 Penalty area in front of 12 tee area and left of cart path. Drop zone will be at the red tee markers in the 12th tee area. Red penalty area reeds to the right of 12th green and behind 13 tee area.

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