

# Rules 2023 2024 Sands RV

The Sands Golf League will be played under the USGA Rules of Golf along with the following Local Rules.

**Winter Rules** – If the ball comes to rest in your own fairway (closely mown grass), you may bump or roll the ball to another place in the fairway no closer to the hole within the length of a standard golf grip.

**Model Local Rules E-5** – If the ball is Lost or Out of bounds on a Par 4 hole, an additional relief option is available providing a provisional ball has NOT been played.

The additional option is to move up to where your ball crossed the boundary fence or the spot the ball is deemed to be lost (Reference Point) and drop a ball within 2 club lengths from edge of fairway, equal distance from the hole as the Reference Point is from the hole.

If a provisional ball was played then this local rule is not an available option. The provisional ball is now the ball in play if the original ball is lost or out of bounds.

**Unplayable ball.** – At any place on the course that is not in a penalty area, the ball can be declared unplayable and a ball may be dropped within 2 club lengths of where the ball came to rest, not closer to hole. The penalty is 1 stroke.

An example of this is when your ball is in the Oleanders along the boundary fences.

<b>Hole/Situation</b>	<b>Ball rests in</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Reference Point (RP)</b>	<b>Relief Area (RA)</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
1-a1	Driving Range	Out of Bounds	Where Previous Stroke Made	1 club length from RP in same area as RP	1 Stroke and Distance (hitting 3 from the Tee)
1-a2 ...Or if a Provisional Ball has NOT been played	Driving Range	Out of Bounds	Fairway Edge equal distance from hole to where ball crossed the OB line	Drop within 2 club lengths into fairway from RP	2 Strokes (hitting 4 from fairway)
2	Gravel beyond the green	Obstruction	Point where ball crossed into Obstruction	Nearest Point of Complete relief plus one club length, No Nearer the Hole	Free Relief
3-a1	Right of Boundary Fence	Out of bounds	Where Previous Stroke Made	Drop within 1 club length from RP in same area as RP	1 Stroke and Distance (hitting 3 from the Tee)
3-a2 ...Or if a Provisional Ball has <b>NOT</b> been played	Right of Boundary Fence		Fairway Edge equal distance from hole to where ball crossed the OB line	2 club lengths into fairway from RP	2 Strokes (hitting 4 from fairway)
4	Right of Boundary Fence	Out of bounds	4 <sup>th</sup> Tee Box	Teeing area	1 Stroke and Distance (hitting 3 from the Tee)
5	Right of Boundary Fence	Out of bounds	5 <sup>th</sup> Tee Box	Teeing area	1 Stroke and Distance (hitting 3 from the Tee)
6-a1	Right of Boundary Fence	Out of bounds	Where Previous Stroke Made	Drop within 1 club length from RP in same area as RP	1 Stroke and Distance
6-a2... Or if a Provisional Ball has not been played			Fairway Edge equal distance from hole to where ball crossed the OB line	Drop within 2 club lengths into fairway from RP	2 Strokes (hitting 4 from fairway)
6-b	Gravel beyond the green	Obstruction	Point where ball crossed into Obstruction	Nearest Point of Complete relief plus one club length, No Nearer the Hole	Free Relief
6-c	Pickle Ball Courts	Out of Bounds	Where Previous Stroke Made	Drop within 1 club length from RP in same area as RP	1 Stroke and Distance
7-a1	Pond (dry)	General Area	Play as it lies		
7-a2	Pond (Temporary Water)	General Area	Free Relief	Nearest point of complete relief, no closer to the hole.	Free Relief

7-b	Ball in Oleanders	General Area	Play as it lies		
8	Ball over Green, and rocks or pathway interfere with stance or swing	Obstruction	Where Ball Lies	Drop Left of Green, equal distance from hole to RP (but not on the Green)	Free Relief
9-a1	Driving Range	Out of Bounds	Where Previous Stroke Made	Drop within 1 club length from RP in same area as RP	1 Stroke and Distance (hitting 3 from the Tee)
9-a2... Or if a Provisional Ball has not been played		Out of Bounds	Fairway Edge equal distance from hole to where ball crossed the OB line	Drop within 2 club lengths into fairway from RP	2 Strokes (hitting 4 from fairway)
9-b1	Pond (dry)	General Area	Play as it lies		
9-b2	Pond (Temporary Water)	General Area	Free Relief	Nearest point of complete relief, no closer to the hole.	Free Relief
9-c	Gravel beyond the green	Obstruction	Point where ball crossed into Obstruction	Nearest Point of Complete relief plus one club length, No Nearer the Hole	Free Relief
9-d	Beyond Boundary Fence	Out of Bounds	Where Previous Stroke Made	Drop within 1 club length from RP in same area as RP	1 Stroke and Distance
9-e	Gravel left of Green, Pots left of Green.	Obstruction			Free Relief for Stance and Swing
9-f1	Pathway left of Green from White Stake to end of hole	Out of Bounds	Where Previous Stroke Made	Drop within 1 club length from RP in same area as RP	1 stroke and Distance
9-f2... Or if a Provisional Ball has not been played		Out of Bounds	Fairway Edge equal distance from hole to where ball crossed the OB line	Drop within 2 club lengths into fairway from RP	2 Strokes (hitting 4 from fairway)