

RIVER BEND LOCAL RULES



If ball comes to rest near a **railroad tie** or **resaca wall** and the tie or wall interferes with a normal stance or swing, a free drop (no penalty) is allowed within 2 club lengths of where the ball rests and no closer to the hole.

In the event that a ball comes to rest in an **ant hill** or **rodent hole** it may be dropped within 2 club lengths, no closer to the hole, with no penalty.

Cultivated fields (on either side) are considered **hazards**, with the exception of holes 15 & 16 which are **out of bounds**. If a ball hit into one of these hazards is found and is playable, it may be played as it lies. If the ball is not found, a drop should be made within 2 club lengths of the point where the ball crossed into the hazard, no closer to the hole, and with a one stroke penalty.

Hole 3 The **drainage area** on the right side from tee to just short of the green is considered a **hazard** and is defined by the cut edge of the rough or the top edge of slope to the hazard. A ball that enters the hazard can be played as it lies or dropped within two club lengths of the point where the ball crossed into the hazard, no closer to the hole, and with a one stroke penalty.

Hole 5 - River is a **hazard**. Line of hazard is the cut line on the left edge of the rough starting at the tee and continuing for the full length of hole. The lower cut area (left of the tree line) is considered part of the hazard and will be played as such. A ball that enters the hazard can be played as it lies or dropped within two club lengths of the point where the ball crossed into the hazard, no closer to the hole, and with a one stroke penalty.

Hole 15 - Resaca bed is a **hazard**. If a ball hit into this hazard is found and is playable, it may be played as it lies. If the ball is not found, a drop should be made within 2 club lengths of the point where the ball crossed into the hazard, no closer to the hole, and with a one stroke penalty.

Hole 17 - If a ball is hit into the water **anywhere** (in front, left, over, or to the right of the green), **two options will apply**. **Replay** from the tee box or **drop** ball in drop area in front of forward tee with a one stroke penalty.

The River Bend Handicap Committee endorses the USGA stance on no 'preferred lies'. This means that all players must 'play as they lie' in fairway, rough and hazard. In the event that weather or course conditions warrant; a lift, clean and place ruling will be decided on a daily 'as needed' basis.

HOLE # 1

Any ball that comes to rest over the Resaca on the left from tee to bridge is **OUT OF BOUNDS**. Disregard current stakes.

HOLE # 2

Any ball that comes to rest over the Resaca on the right is **OUT OF BOUNDS**. Disregard current stakes.

If ball comes to rest near a railroad tie (left rough), and the railroad tie interferes with a normal stance or swing to play the ball, a free drop (no penalty) is allowed - within 2 club lengths of where the ball rested. Ball resting on the left side of the railroad tie must be dropped on the same side.

HOLE # 7

Any ball that comes to rest over the Resaca on the left is **OUT OF BOUNDS**. Disregard current stakes.

HOLE # 8

The dry pond bed on the left side is considered a hazard. If a ball hit into the hazard is found, it may be played as it lies. If the ball is not found, a drop should be taken within 2 club lengths of the point where the ball crossed into the hazard - no closer to the hole, and with a 1 stroke penalty.

HOLES # 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Cultivated fields (on either side) are considered hazards. If a ball hit into one of these hazards is found, and is playable, it may be played as it lies. If the ball is not found, a drop should be made within 2 club lengths of the point where the ball crossed into the hazard - no closer to the hole, and with a 1 stroke penalty.

HOLE # 14

The ditch on the right side of fairway in rough after the turn is a drainage ditch. Free drop.

HOLE # 17

- 1.) Ball hit into the water hazard in front, or left of the green, drop in marked drop area #1, in front of ladies tee box, with a 1 stroke penalty.
- 2.) Ball hit into water hazard behind the green, or to the right (beyond the green) drop in marked drop area #2, back of green on the hump or right side, with a 1 stroke penalty.

HOLES #17 and #18

If the ball comes to rest near a seawall, and the seawall interferes with a normal stance or swing to play the ball, a free drop (no penalty) is allowed - within 2 club lengths of where the ball rested, and no closer to the hole.

HOLE #18

Right side - the **OUT OF BOUNDS** line extends from the first white marker beyond the pond - all the way to the street - on the right side of the cart path. Any ball on the right side of the cart path, beyond the first white marker, is out of bounds, and must be replayed from where the shot originated, with a 1-stroke penalty. On the left side, **OUT OF BOUNDS** is marked with white stakes.

ANT HILLS & RODENT HOLES

In the event that a ball comes to rest near an ant hill or rodent hole, it may be dropped within 2 club lengths - no closer to the hole - and with no penalty.