

# Local Rules ASU Karsten

## *And Applicable USGA Rules*

### Permanent elevated power lines

If a ball strikes such a line or cable, the stroke shall be canceled and the stroke must be replayed without penalty according to the applicable rule, that is, placed or teed. Rule 20-5.

#### **20-5. Making Next Stroke from Where Previous Stroke Made** [\[Link\]](#)

When a player elects or is required to make his next stroke from where a previous stroke was made, he must proceed as follows:

- a. **On the Teeing Ground:** The ball to be played must be played from within the teeing ground. It may be played from anywhere within the teeing ground and may be teed.
- b. **Through the Green:** The ball to be played must be dropped and when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.
- c. **In a Hazard:** The ball to be played must be dropped and when dropped must first strike a part of the course in the hazard.
- d. **On the Putting Green:** The ball to be played must be placed on the putting green.

Penalty for Breach of Rule 20-5: Stroke play – Two strokes.

### Railroad ties

Railroad ties are to be considered an integral part of the golf course. Your ball should be played as it lies, *except* when the railroad tie is used as a golf car path or walking path. In such conditions, you may proceed under Rule 24.2.

#### **Rule 24.2. Immovable Obstruction** [\[Link\]](#)

- a. **Interference.** Interference by an immovable obstruction occurs when a ball lies in or on the obstruction, or when the obstruction interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing. If the player's ball lies on the putting green, interference also occurs if an immovable obstruction on the putting green intervenes on his line of putt. Otherwise, intervention on the line of play is not, of itself, interference under this Rule.
- b. **Relief.** [Except when the ball is in a water hazard or a lateral water hazard,] a player may take relief from interference by an immovable obstruction as follows:
  - (i) **Through the Green:** If the ball lies through the green, the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. The nearest point of relief must not

be in a hazard or on a putting green. When the ball is dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, the ball must first strike a part of the course at a spot that avoids interference by the immovable obstruction and is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

USGA video: Rules of Golf Explained: Nearest Point of Relief (3:14)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAEjEyWJimg>

Not applicable at Karsten: ii bunkers, iii putting greens, iv tee boxes.

### **The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this Rule.**

Ball rolling to a position where there is interference by the condition from which relief was taken - see Rule 20-2c(v)

#### 20-2. Dropping and Re-Dropping — When to Re-Drop

A dropped ball must be re-dropped, without penalty, if it:

- v. rolls to and comes to rest in a position where there is interference by the condition from which relief was taken under Rule 24-2b (immovable obstruction), etc.

See rule 20-2 for additional conditions for redropping.

**Exception:** A player may not take relief under this Rule if (a) interference by anything other than an immovable obstruction makes the stroke clearly impracticable or (b) interference by an immovable obstruction would occur only through use of a clearly unreasonable stroke or an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing or direction of play.

**Note 1:** If a ball is in a water hazard (including a lateral water hazard), the player may not take relief from interference by an immovable obstruction. The player must play the ball as it lies or proceed under Rule 26-1.

**Note 2:** If a ball to be dropped or placed under this Rule is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

## **Out of Bounds.**

Out of bounds is defined by white stakes, perimeter walls, and fence posts.

## **Etiquette**

- Be cognizant of your speed of play.
- Keep carts on path at tees and greens, and observe the 90 degree rule when entering and exiting fairways.
- Repair your ball marks and divots.