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The Pro Shop and the Golf Committee Adopt New Local Rules:

USGA rules always govern play at The Groves Golf and Country Club. The Pro Shop working with the Golf Committee adopted the following local rules.

- Designated “**No Play Zones**” to be treated as abnormal course conditions **must** take Relief **without penalty** - (see Rule 16.1f)
 - All landscape areas including areas with pine straw or mulch.
 - All areas marked as “**Ground Under Repair**” as indicated by signage, white paint and/or ropes and stakes.
 - **Ground Under Repair may** include areas of unusual damage or unmaintained areas due to wet conditions.
- Designated “**No Play Zones**” to be treated as a penalty area – **must** take Relief with **one penalty stroke**.
 - **Environmentally Sensitive Areas** are marked as water or lateral water hazards that are identified by “Green-Topped” stakes. Golfers are **not** allowed to enter these areas for any reason.
- When a player’s ball is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player **may** proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.
 - For **two penalty strokes**, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the relief area (see Rule 14.3)

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