

Villages Maintenance Yard. Ball hit into Maintenance Yard fenced area from Hole #8, #11 or #12.

If the fenced maintenance yard is defined as an **immovable obstruction** (rather than a No Play Zone or Out of Bounds), the player's options depend on where the ball lies.

If the ball is inside the fenced maintenance yard or cart barn

Under **Rule 16.1 (Relief from an Immovable Obstruction)**, the player is entitled to **free relief** if the obstruction interferes with the lie of the ball, the player's stance, or the intended swing.

The player should:

1. Find the **nearest point of complete relief** outside the obstruction, no nearer the hole.
2. Drop the ball within **one club-length** of that point.
3. The ball must come to rest in the relief area.

There is **no penalty** for taking this relief.

There is also an explanation on the back of The Villages standard score card. "Obstructions" which covers hitting into the cart barn and Maintenance yard from #12 and #8. Again no penalty

All Golf Course have some kind of Rules stated on their ProShop printed score cards. All you need to do is look.

See below: **Obstructions**

LOCAL RULES:

Out of Bounds: The boundaries of the course are identified by: white posts/stakes, street curbs and boundary fences. A ball coming to rest on another part of the golf course after crossing a public street is out of bounds.

Balls Lost or Out of Bounds: A player may still take a Stroke and Distance Penalty (Rule 18.2) and re-hit from the original spot if he so chooses. Option 2 for balls lost or out of bounds OB: A player may take the spot where the ball was lost or crossed the OB line and go directly across from this spot to the edge of the fairway and drop within 2 club lengths, no nearer the hole, and incur a 2-stroke penalty.

Penalty Areas: All lakes are Lateral (Red) Penalty Areas. Where both stakes and lines are present, stakes identify penalty areas, lines define penalty area margins. The streams and pond on #9 and #18 are Penalty Areas (Yellow). An optional Drop Zone is provided for a ball entering the pond left of the bridge on #18.

Obstructions: A ball that comes to rest in the cart storage facility or adjacent maintenance facility may be lifted, cleaned and dropped within the Drop Area provided adjacent to the cart facility, without penalty. Other interference to stance or swing allows for relief as an Immovable Obstruction.

Cultivated Flower Beds: All flower beds other than those in Penalty Areas are Ground Under Repair, required drop, no penalty. The flower beds between holes #6 and #7 and to the left of the pond on #18 are within a Penalty Area; play is prohibited. One stroke penalty (Rule 17.1). Drop zones are provided for holes #6 and #18.

Sprinkler Heads on Fringe: If a fixed sprinkler head within two club-lengths of the putting green and two club-lengths of the ball interferes with the intended line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: the ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids interference, and (c) is not in a bunker.

150 Yard Italian Cypress Trees: The 150 Yard Italian Cypress Trees are considered an integral part of the golf course and as such will be played as a standard tree. No relief is provided in any capacity.

PACE OF PLAY:

Our pace goal is 4 hours. Our MAXIMUM pace is 4.5 hours or 15 minutes per hole. Please play Ready Golf. Please keep pace with the group IN FRONT of you.

Restrooms: The Clubhouse, #4 tee area, #8 tee area, #13 tee area and #17 green.

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