

Issue #1:

On hole number 7 at Falcon Ridge, when a ball is hit over the cart path on the right side of the fairway, what is the proper penalty?

Answer: Local Falcon Ridge rule

A ball landing between the cart path and the home owner's property line is considered to be in a **lateral hazard**, follow the rules for lateral hazard – in this case the options are:

*hit out of the hazard, no penalty.

*drop within two club-lengths, but no nearer the hole, of the spot where the ball crossed into the hazard, one stroke penalty.

* drop as close as possible where the ball was previously shot, one stroke penalty.

A ball landing on the home owner's property is **out of bounds**, follow the rules for a ball out-of-bounds.

*drop as close as possible where the ball was previously shot, one stroke penalty.

(disregard the white line on the cart path on this hole, when the course made the left side of this hole an out of bounds area they changed the rule as stated above.)

Issue #2:

When can you drop a ball in a hazard including lateral water hazards.

Answer: Golf Rule 26-2

If a player hits from a hazard and his ball is lost, unplayable or out of bounds, he takes a one-stroke penalty and does one of the following:

*Drops and plays another shot from the hazard, as close as possible to the point of the previous shot.

*Adds another penalty stroke and proceeds under the steps in rule 26 – HAZARDS (including Lateral Hazard)

*Adds another penalty stroke, then goes back and plays from the tee or the spot through the green from which he initially hit into the hazard.

Issue #3:

When is a player allowed to take **relief** by dropping their ball in the hazard when their ball is unplayable?

Answer: Golf Rule 26

At no time, can you take relief by dropping in a hazard. If you cannot play your ball from the hazard you add a penalty stroke and proceed under the steps in rule 26 – HAZARDS (including Lateral Hazard)