

## **THE SUPERINTENDENT'S ROLE IN MARKING THE GOLF COURSE**

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### **MAJOR EVENT PLANNING**

- On-site visit from sponsoring organization.
- Establish tee locations, hole locations, firway widths, height or rough, desired green speed.
- Close course late p.m. the day prior to allow preparation.

### **LOCAL RULES**

- Embedded ball through the green should be played at the course on a daily basis.
- Be alert to specific situations which involve: obstructions, roads and paths, water hazards, young trees, temporary power lines and cables.

### **HOLE LOCATIONS**

- Consider the turf around the hole.
- Provide a balance of left, right, front and back locations.
- Develop a working chart for daily play as well as tournaments.
- Know the strength of field.
- study the hole. How is the hole designed to play?
- Allow player enough room to have a reasonable opportunity to hit the required shot look for 2-3 feet around the hole that is reasonably level and uniform in grade.
- Five paces from nearest green edge.

### **FLAGSTICK PLACEMENT**

- Consider holding quality of the green.
- Consider length of shot to green.
- Consider weather conditions.
- Consider design of the hole.
- Avoid old hold plugs in area.
- Use clean area, i.e. free of ball marks, worn spots, etc.
- Keep holes a minimum of the recommended five paces from the edge of the green.
- Sink hole liner 1" below the surface of the green.
- Set on the morning of the event.
- Change for each day of the event. (Leave same for 36 holes)
- Consider the size and caliber of the field relative to the amount of time necessary to complete play.

#### ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS

- The Committee may not declare an area to be environmentally sensitive. It can be so declared only "by an appropriate authority, i.e. (governmental agency). Entry into and/or play from this area is prohibited for environmental reasons. Dec. 33-8/40.
- Water Hazards -- Yellow Stake with Green Top.
- Lateral Hazard -- Red Stake with Green Top.
- Out of Bounds -- White Stake with Green Top.
- Ground Under Repair -- Blue Stake with Green Top.

#### OUT OF BOUNDS

- Place stakes no more than 30 yards apart to better enable the player to determine if the ball is in bounds. Visual Siting is a must.
- Trim all shrubbery between stakes to allow players to see from stake to stake.

#### GROUND UNDER REPAIR

- Take a drive through entire course prior to marking. See what the worst areas are to avoid overmarking.
- Tree, sod nurseries as well as flower beds should be marked as G.U.R.

#### IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

- Corner with 1" x 2" black stakes or paint a black circle around buildings or objects that should be considered immovable.
- Stone walls, tee banks may be classified as integral parts of the golf course.

#### BALL DROPS

- Used when the area affording relief under a rule is impracticable for play.
- Use white circle and write ball drop in the circle.
- Use with discretion after extreme consideration.