

## Neshanic Penalty Area Guide

**Based on a recent round, noting the stakes currently in place and the general course conditions these are the guidelines for play. The intent is to have all DGAers play by the same standards and lessen or eliminate group by group decisions on the status of various areas of the course.**

All markers, red, yellow, white and environmental, when in place, shall determine the appropriate action to be taken. Keep in mind the USGA “virtual Certainty” concept. If it is virtually certain that a ball can be in no other area other than in a penalty area, it is deemed to be in the Penalty Area.

Neshanic has a different marking system than the other County courses due to the abundance of Environmental Areas. Stakes here are Red with a Green top indicating a lateral Penalty Area, and Red with a Yellow top indicating a yellow Penalty area. The only solid red stakes are around the lakes on Lake#7 and Meadow #9. **Currently some of the course is also marked with a painted Red line. Where these lines exist they are the determining factor, and the stakes are to be ignored.**

**Due to the changing conditions (mowing, weed growth, poorly placed stakes etc.) in areas where the Environmental stakes are in place, but the Red lines are not visible, we will use the edge of the high weeds as the actual Penalty Area boundary.** As some taller grass abuts the higher, denser Environmental in various places around the course it will be up to the best judgement of the group to make the call as to whether the ball is in the Environmental area. **In addition, if stakes are in place but a straight line between them puts an obviously playable area in the Penalty Area then the High Weeds boundary is to be used.**

**You cannot play a ball out of any of the Environmental areas and must take a drop with a penalty stroke.** Free relief is allowed when the ball lies outside the Environmental Area and your stance is in the Environmental or the weeds in the Environmental interfere with your swing. Use the standard drop procedure when getting free relief.

The only Out of Bounds on the course is #9 Lake, where the fence on the left is the boundary.

**Any area not delineated as a Penalty area (no stakes or lines) is to be considered in play for lost ball purposes.**

### Ridge Nine

#1 - All in Play

#2 – Right side and around the back Lateral

#3 – All in play

#4 - Way over Green lateral

#5 - Ball going left must clear trouble in front of tee to get lateral relief on other side. Everything around the green is environmental.

#6 - left of green past path is Environmental and over back of green is environmental?

#7 – Right side near green Lateral – over the green is environmental

#8 – All in Play

#9- As marked in front of tee, then lost ball- paved cart area over green OB

## **Meadow Nine**

All holes obvious or marked

## **Lake Nine**

#1- right side is hazard

#2 - drop area most forward tee before the Penalty area – hazard on right side

# 3- short of green in play, over as Marked

#4 Lake- ball must clear trouble in front to get lateral relief on left side.

#5 Lake- all in play around green.

#6 – no hazards

#7 – White Stakes mark OB on left

#8 - As Marked

#9 - OB over fence