



RANCHO MURIETA COUNTRY CLUB LOCAL RULES (UPDATED 12-15-2016)

USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all play with the following local rules:

OUT OF BOUNDS- Defined by white stakes or boundary fence posts and stakes. Balls on or crossing public roads are out of bounds. Curbs to the right and behind the green of #18 North are out of bounds. Curb line to the right of #14 North green is out of bounds. The white line on the left side of the cart path on hole #3 North defines the margin of the out of bounds. That portion of the cart path that is not part of the white line is an obstruction.

FRENCH DRAINS-Whether stones are exposed or not and drain interferes with ball, stance, or swing, please play as “ground under repair” Relief: take drop without penalty within one club length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief.

EMBEDDED BALL- Ball embedded through the green may be lifted, cleaned, and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay – no closer to the hole – no penalty. (Appendix 1)

FLOWER BEDS - flower beds found behind #2 North green, left of #4 North green, behind #10 North green, and right of #9 South Green – take free relief by dropping ball within one club length of your nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole.

PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES IDENTIFIED BY STAKES: If the tree interferes with stance or area of intended swing the player must take relief in accordance with procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b. If the ball lies in a water hazard, the ball must be dropped in the water hazard or the player has the option of proceeding with a one stroke penalty under rule 26-1.

STONES IN BUNKERS- Stones in bunkers may be considered movable obstructions [Appendix I]

FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS OR ANY OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS- Player may take line of play relief from intervention by fixed sprinkler heads or other obstructions on or within two club lengths of the putting green when the ball lies within two club lengths of the sprinkler head or obstruction [Appendix I].

POWER LINES and POLES: If a ball strikes the power line or power pole on hole #1, the stroke is cancelled and must be replayed as near as possible from which the original ball was last played.

ROCK AREA TO THE RIGHT OF #4 SOUTH, RIGHT OF #10 NORTH GREEN: Play as an extension of cart path finding nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole and dropping within one club length of that point.

ROCK AREA TO THE RIGHT OF THE CART PATH ON #10 play as an extension of the cart path, finding the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole and dropping within one club length of that point.

DRAINS ADJACENT TO CART PATHS, COMPOSED OF ROCK, CONCRETE OR METAL- are immovable obstructions if not marked as water hazard or lateral water hazard.

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES/SMART PHONES - For all play at this course, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the play is in breach of Rule 14-3.

AERATION HOLES- Through the green, a ball which comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed without penalty at the nearest spot to where it originally lay not nearer the hole.

BALL ACCIDENTALLY MOVED ON THE PUTTING GREEN- When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2 and 20-1.