

RANCHO MURIETA COUNTRY CLUB LOCAL RULES (UPDATED 4-10-2019))

2019 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. Curb line on the left of #3 North cart path is out of bounds.

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

**FLOWER BEDS** – The 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 complete relief, no nearer the hole.

**PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES**: If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a *penalty area* and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f.

If the ball lies in a penalty area, and interference to the player's stance or area of intended swing exists from such a tree, the player must take relief either with penalty under Rule 17.1e or with free relief under Rule 17.12(2) Model Local Rule E-10.

**Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green**: Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstruction is *close to the putting green on the line of play*. Model Local Rule F-5

**Ball in General Area**: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play within two club-lengths of the putting green and is within two club-lengths of the player's ball.

**POWER LINES and POLES**: If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line or power pole during the play of Holes #1 and #3 North, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6 for what to do). Model Local Rule E-11

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

**ROCK, CONCRETE, AND METAL DRAINS**- are immovable obstructions if not marked as Penalty Areas.

**AERATION HOLES**- If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole. Model rule E-4

**(a) In the General Area**: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.

**(b) Ball on Putting Green**: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

*But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.*

**NEW LOCAL RULE FOR STROKE AND DISTANCE FOR A LOST BALL OR BALL OUT OF BOUNDS.** Model Local Rule E-5:

*"When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the relief area as prescribed in Local Rule Model E-5*

*(see Rule 14.3) Refer to back of page for more complete explanation.*

### Two Estimated Reference Points:

- a. Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have:
  - Come to rest on the course, or
  - Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.
- b. Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this local rule, “fairway” means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

### Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between:

- A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line).

But with these limits:

### Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must be in the general area, and
- Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play must not be replayed.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three minute search time. (see Rule 6.3b).

But the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is know or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under the penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3)

A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is know or virtually certain to be out of bounds.