

## Local Rules for the Santa Clara Golf Club

**The USGA Rules of Golf govern play and are supplemented by the NCGA Hard Card and the following Condition of Competition and Local Rules:**

**-Pace of play:** As a Condition of Competition, players are subject to a two stroke penalty for failing to complete their round within 30 minutes of the preceding group. To assist the Tournament Committee in tracking the time gaps, players should note the time your group completes the 18<sup>th</sup> hole and record it on your official scorecard.

**-Teeing area:** At Santa Clara Golf Course, players must play from the appropriately colored (Black, Blue or White) permanent NCGA stones in the ground within an area of two club lengths front-to-back from a point parallel to the stones within the prepared teeing area.

**-Temporary immovable obstructions (TIO's):** The Local Rule prescribed in Appendix I-A-4b is in effect. Port-a-potty restrooms, portable lighting and generator equipment are TIO's. A player is entitled to relief from interference by a TIO to the player's stance, area of intended swing or line of play including the line of play plus one club length. Relief may be taken within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief from the TIO no nearer the green.

**-Winter rules/Preferred lies (When declared to be in effect by the Tournament Director):** A ball lying in a closely mown area (fairway-height grass) through the green may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the spot the ball originally lay.

A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed. If a ball when placed comes to rest on the spot it was placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies.

**-Cleaning ball (When declared to be in effect by the Tournament Director):** Because of extreme wet/muddy conditions, a ball may be cleaned without penalty anywhere through the green (not just in a closely mown area). The position of the ball must be marked before it is lifted and must be replaced at the exact spot from which it was lifted.

**-As an alternative to re-hitting from the same place for a lost or out-of-bounds ball, a player may, under penalty of 2 strokes take relief as follows (When declared to be in effect by the Tournament Director):**

Lost ball--The relief area can be large because it is defined as the area between two lines: a line formed by the hole and the ball reference point which is where it is known that a ball was lost; and the line from the hole to the fairway reference point which is the nearest fairway-height grass no nearer the hole plus two club lengths. The ball may be dropped anywhere in this area but not in a penalty area or bunker or green.

Out of bounds--The area in which you may take relief is large because it is defined as the area between two lines: a line from the hole through the ball reference point which is where the ball last crossed the course boundary; and the fairway reference point which is the nearest fairway-height grass no nearer the hole plus two club lengths.

The ball may be dropped anywhere in this relief area.

For the full rule with illustrations and details see USGA [Local Rule E-5](#)