



Laguna Woods Men's Golf Club

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

Local Rules and Clarifications

- **OUT OF BOUNDS** – Boundary fences / walls, white stakes and inside edge (course side) of white painted lines. Chain link fence on Course 2 Hole 2 is a boundary fence. Block wall on the left near the green on Course 2 Hole 4 is also a boundary fence.
- **ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE FOR LOST BALL OR BALL OUT OF BOUNDS - 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 designated relief area (**see Rule 14.3**)
- **PROTECTIVE FENCES** – Take swing and stance relief from protective fences, plus line of sight. May go to drop area if provided. No Penalty.
- **GROUND UNDER REPAIR** – All areas that are completely roped off are ground under repair. Take nearest point of relief, No Penalty.
- **FLOWER BEDS** – Defined by printed signs designating the area as a Flower Bed are **no play zones** that are to be treated as an abnormal course condition. Free relief must be taken from interference by the no play zone under **Rule 16.1f**.
 - **Note:** - Ground Under Repair (Abnormal Course Condition) specifies that If your ball has not been found and it **is known or virtually certain** that your ball came to rest in or on an abnormal course condition on the course, you may take free relief where the ball last crossed the edge of the abnormal course condition (the Flower Bed) on the course as the reference point. **Rule 16.1e**
- **SOD SEAMS** - If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing:
 - Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under **Rule 16.1b**.
 - Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under **Rule 16.1d**.
 - But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.
- **STAKED TREES** – Young trees identified specifically by stakes and wires that provide support to the tree are **no play zones**:
 - 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**.
- **SPRINKLER HEAD RELIEF AROUND GREENS** - If a sprinkler head interferes with the player's line of play, but only if the sprinkler head is within two club-lengths from the green and the player's ball is within two club-lengths from the sprinkler head, the player may lift, clean and drop his ball, at the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole, without penalty.
- **TREE WELLS** - Balls coming to rest within a tree well are specifically **NOT** entitled to relief.
 - Bark chips and other materials within these areas may be treated as LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS.
- **TREE ROOT RULE – Local Rule** If the path of your intended swing will be interfered by a tree root you may take free relief to **nearest point of the original ball position**, no nearer to the hole. **The ball shall be placed**, not dropped at the selected point of relief.
 - **This does not include stance relief as it is only intended to protect players from injury.**
- **YARDAGE BUSHES** - Yardage bushes (located 125 and 75 yards from greens) are **NOT** considered to be "**obstructions**" and the player is **NOT** entitled to relief.
- **RANGEFINDERS** – The use of distance measuring devices "**Rangefinders**" are permitted, but the use of the **slope function** must be **disabled**. The slope function on any rangefinder cannot be used in any LWMGC Event. **Ref: USGA Rule 4.3a**