



Rules of Javea Port Golf Society

The draw is done on a Monday evening at 6pm. The venue is La Coptia Bar based in Javea Port. The draw is final and will not be amended.

It is chaired by the President.

1. Respect the Course:

Treat the course with care, repair divots, replace ball marks, and rake bunkers.

2. Keep Pace:

Play at a reasonable pace to keep up with the group ahead of you. Be ready to hit when it's your turn.

3. Safety First:

Always be aware of other players on the course. Shout "fore" if your shot might hit someone.

4. Honor the Order:

The player with the lowest score on the previous hole tees off first on the next hole, unless your group declares "ready golf".

5. Out of Bounds:

If your ball goes out of bounds, add a penalty stroke and play from where you last hit.

6. Lost Ball:

If you can't find your ball, add a penalty stroke and play from where you last hit.

7. Water Hazards:

If your ball lands in a water hazard, you have the option to play from where you hit it or take a penalty stroke and drop near the hazard. Either way it's a



penalty stroke.

8. Etiquette:

Be courteous to other players. Avoid distractions, such as talking or moving, when someone is about to hit their ball.

9. Scorekeeping:

Keep track of your own score and your playing partners' scores accurately.

11. Teeing Off:

Start each hole from the designated tee box. Your ball must be played from within the tee markers.

12. Playing the Ball:

Play the ball as it lies, without moving it, except as allowed by the rules (e.g., in hazards, to identify it). Local rules in Spain apply as preferred lies.

13. Flagstick:

When on the green, leave the flagstick in the hole while putting. Remove it if requested by another player.

14. Order of Play:

The player farthest from the hole usually plays first, but this can be adjusted based on agreement within the group. Allow other players to reach the green before accessing the order of play.

15. Marking the Ball:

If your ball is in another player's putting line on the green, mark its position with a ball marker or a coin.

16. Penalty Areas:

Penalty areas include water hazards and lateral water hazards. Take the appropriate penalty if your ball lands in one.



17. Unplayable Lie:

If your ball is in a position where it's impossible or undesirable to play it, you can declare it unplayable, take a penalty, and drop it within certain limits.

18. Scoring:

Record your scores accurately on each hole, including any penalty strokes. Verify scores with playing partners at the end of the round.

19. Equipment:

Each player is responsible for their own equipment and ensuring it complies with the rules (e.g., maximum club limit, non-conforming equipment).

If your ball lands near a tree root, you have a few options depending on the situation and the rules of the course:

20. Play It as It Lies:

If the tree root doesn't interfere with your swing or the lie of the ball, you can choose to play the ball as it lies. Be careful not to damage the course or your club when addressing the ball.

21. Declare an Unplayable Lie:

If the tree root makes it impossible or impractical to play the ball, you can declare it an unplayable lie. This allows you to take a penalty stroke and drop the ball within two club lengths of where it originally lay, no nearer to the hole.

22. Take Relief:

Depending on the situation and local rules, you may be entitled to free relief from the tree root if it interferes with your stance or swing. Check the course's local rules or ask a rules official or playing partner for guidance.

When playing a bunker shot, there are specific rules and techniques to keep in mind:

23. Enter and Exit Correctly:

Enter the bunker from the nearest point and exit from the rear once you've played your shot. Avoid walking through the bunker.



24. No Grounding:

Before making your swing, ensure you don't touch the sand with your club, except during your downswing. Touching the sand before your downswing results in a penalty.

25. Play It as It Lies:

You must play the ball as it lies in the bunker. You can't move or improve your lie, except by taking a penalty for an unplayable lie.

26. Know Your Options:

If your ball is in a bunker and you find it impossible to play, you have a few options: play the ball as it lies, declare it unplayable (with penalty), or take lateral relief outside the bunker (with penalty).

27. Rake the Bunker:

After playing your shot, use a bunker rake to smooth out any marks or footprints you've made to ensure fair play for others.

If you hit the wrong ball during a round of golf, it's important to follow the rules to rectify the situation.

28. Announce the Mistake:

Immediately announce to your playing partners that you've hit the wrong ball. This helps ensure transparency and allows everyone to assist in resolving the situation.

29. Penalty:

If you hit another player's ball, you incur a two-stroke penalty in stroke play or loss of hole in match play. This penalty applies even if the mistake was unintentional.

30. Replace the Ball:

If the wrong ball was moved or interfered with, it must be replaced as close as possible to its original position without penalty.



31. Play the Correct Ball

Once the situation has been clarified, continue play with the correct ball. If you're uncertain which ball is yours, seek assistance from your playing partners to identify it.

32. Correct Score:

Adjust your score to reflect the penalty incurred for hitting the wrong ball. Ensure that your scorecard accurately reflects the strokes played.

33. Learn from the Mistake:

Use the experience as a learning opportunity to pay closer attention to ball markings, positions, and identification to avoid similar mistakes in the future.

34. Maintain Good Sportsmanship:

Approach the situation with integrity and good sportsmanship, acknowledging the mistake and accepting any penalties incurred gracefully. By following these steps, you can resolve the situation appropriately and continue playing in accordance with the rules of golf.

35. Be Mindful of Etiquette:

Avoid standing too close to or directly behind someone hitting out of a bunker to prevent distraction or injury. Wait your turn at a safe distance.

36. Replaced Moved Balls

If the wrong ball was moved accidentally when playing a stroke, it must be replaced by the player without penalty. This means placing the wrong ball back to its original position.

37. Course Care:

Leave the course in better condition than you found it. Dispose of rubbish properly and follow any additional course-specific rules or guidelines.

Finally local rules apply.