

Local Rules – Sierra Golf Club



1. Out of Bounds (OB):

- a) the area beyond the fence surrounding the course or beyond white poles/lines marking the boundaries of the course,
- b) the club house, driving range and practice green/area.

2. Ground Under Repair (GRU):

- a) marked by blue stakes,
- b) marked by blue or white lines,
- c) all flower beds,

Note: if a player's ball lies in a flower bed, or if a flower bed interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, or if it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in a flower bed, the player **MUST** take relief under **Rule 25-1**.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE:

Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.

3. Integral part of the course:

- a) natural roads,
- b) mulch bark around trees,
- c) thuja trees on the right side of the **12th hole** green.

4. Water hazards:

Unmarked water hazards are lateral water hazards and their edge marks its boundaries.

5. Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA):

The water hazard between **15th & 16th holes** marked by red/yellow stakes with green caps is an environmentally sensitive area (ESA) and **PLAYER MUST NOT ENTER THIS AREA**.

If the ball is found in or if it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in ESA defined as a water hazard or lateral water hazard, the player **MUST**, under penalty of one stroke, proceed under **Rule 26-1**.

Note: if ESA interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the player **MUST** take relief

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE:

Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.

6. Obstructions:

- a) movable: stones in bunkers.
- b) immovable:
 - i. all roads and paths with artificial surface,
 - ii. commercial boards and banners,
 - iii. trees staked, boarded up or with guy ropes,
 - iv. all wooden bridges.

7. Dropping Zone:

If the ball was found in a water hazard located behind the green of the **15th hole** or if it is known or virtually certain that the ball, which has not been found is in that water hazard, the player may:

- a) proceed under **Rule 26-1** or,
- b) with a penalty of one stroke drop the ball in „drop zone“.

Note: When using a „drop zone“ the following provisions apply regarding the dropping and re-dropping of the ball:

- a) the player does not have to stand within the dropping zone when dropping the ball,
- b) the dropped ball must first strike a part of the course within the dropping zone,
- c) if the dropping zone is defined by a line, the line is within the dropping zone,
- d) the dropped ball does not have to come to rest within the dropping zone,
- e) the dropped ball must be re-dropped if it rolls and comes to rest in a position covered by **Rule 20-2c(i-vi)**,
- f) the dropped ball may roll nearer the hole than the spot where it first struck a part of the course, provided it comes to rest within two club lengths of that spot and not into any of the positions covered by (e),
- g) subject to the provisions of (e) and (f), the dropped ball may roll and come to rest nearer the hole than:
 - its original position or estimated position (**see Rule 20-2b**);
 - the nearest point of relief or maximum available relief (**Rule 24-2, 25-1 or 25-3**);
 - the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard or lateral water hazard (**Rule 26-1**).

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE:

Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.

8. Distance-Measuring Devices:

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 player is in breach of **Rule 14-3**.

9. Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green:

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

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, 18-3 and 20-1**.

Note: if it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

Note! In case of a storm/lightning, the game on the golf course has to stop immediately (**Rule 68**), and the siren signals mean:

- a) 1 long signal – **immediate discontinuation of the game**,
- b) 2 short signals – resumption of the game,
- c) 3 consecutive signals, repeated – discontinuation of the game, with the possibility of completing the hole (**Rule 6-8b**).

All distances on stakes, markers and sprinklers are measured to the centre of the green.