



**Southern California PGA  
Local Rules and Conditions of Competition  
Version 1.17**

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play, as modified by the SCPGA. The following Local Rules and Conditions of Competition apply and may be found in the current Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf as referenced on page numbers below. See the applicable competition's "Notice to Competitors" for additional Definitions, Local Rules, and Conditions of Competition.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is:  
Match Play – Loss of Hole  
Stroke Play – Two Strokes

**SECTION A - LOCAL RULES**

**1. Out of Bounds - Rule 27.**

When the inside edge of a road or curb defines out of bounds, a ball that crosses such boundary is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

**2. Water Hazards and Lateral Water Hazards - Rule 26.** Water hazards are defined by yellow lines. Lateral water hazards are defined by red lines.

**3. Abnormal Ground Conditions - Rule 25.** Ground Under Repair:

- a. Areas completely encircled with white lines and include areas marked as gallery crosswalks.
- b. French drains (drainage filled with stones).
- c. Grass covered cable trenches even though unmarked.

- d. Seams of cut turf - Appx. I, Part A, Section 3e.
- e. Fire ant mounds or beds.
- f. For a ball in a Water Hazard, relief for fire ant mounds or beds is provided in accordance with Decision 1-4/10.

**4. Embedded Ball Through the Green – Appx. I, Part A, Section 3a.**

**5. Immovable Obstructions - Rule 24.**

- a. White lined areas tying into obstruction(s) are part of the obstruction(s), not ground under repair.
- b. Landscaped or garden areas (flowerbeds, shrubberies or the like) completely encircled by an obstruction are part of the obstruction.
- c. Mats secured to the ground and rubber or plastic bumpers covering cables.
- d. Non-permanent bridges erected for players or spectators, unless otherwise defined on the applicable "Notice to Competitors".
- e. Railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoining artificially surfaced roads or paths are part of the road or path.
- f. Where the outside edge (non golf course side) of a road or path that defines out of bounds, the road or path is an obstruction.
- e. Roads or paths surfaced with wood chips or mulch, the individual pieces of wood chips or mulch are loose impediments.

**6. Turf Plugs on Putting Green - Rule 16-1c.** Turf plugs on putting greens have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired as in Rule 16- 1c.

**7. Accidental Movement of a Ball or Ball Marker on 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. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

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.

**8. Integral Parts of the Course.**

- a. Wrappings, wires, cables and other objects when closely attached to trees.
- b. Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located within water hazards.

**9. Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables.** If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable, the stroke must be cancelled and replayed without penalty (see Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable another ball may be substituted. (For temporary power lines or cables see Item 9 Temporary Obstructions).

**10. Temporary Obstructions - Pages 147.**

**11. Casual Water on Putting Green.**

- If casual water exists on the putting green the Committee may:
- a. require the player to proceed under Rule 25-1b (iii);
  - b. squeegee the line of putt;
  - c. squeegee the putting green until the players are near the putting green;
  - d. or in extreme cases any combination of a, b and c above.

## 12. **Scoring Area.**

The scoring area may include but is not limited to trailers, tents, rooms or other designated areas. A player's score card has been returned to the Committee when the player has exited the defined scoring area with both feet, unless the player, prior to leaving, verbally informs the Scoring Official, and is acknowledged, of his intention to leave the scoring area and immediately return.

## 13. **Pro-Am Competition - Score Card.**

The professional player is the marker and scoring is according to Rule 31-3. The score card shall be signed by the professional player and attested by one of the amateur partners. Penalties apply only to the professional player.

## **SECTION B - CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**

### 1. **Specifications of Clubs and the Ball.**

- a. List of Conforming Driver Heads - Pages 154.
- b. List of Conforming Golf Balls (Note to Rule 5-1) - Page 155.
- c. One Ball Condition is not in effect unless noted on the Notice to Competitors- Page 156.

### 2. **Pace of Play** (Note 2 to Rule 6-7) - Page 158.

See posted SCPGA Pace of Play Guidelines for pace of play penalties.

### 3. **Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation** (Note to Rule 6-8b) - Pages 158.

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged blast.

Discontinue Play: Three consecutive short blasts.

Resume Play: Two short blasts.

Note: All practice areas shall be closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the Rules Committee has declared them open. Players who disregard such closing are subject to disciplinary action.

### 4. **Practice** - Page 158.

Prior to the stipulated round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 7-1b applies to other practice in stroke play. Rule 7-1a covers practice before the stipulated round in match play. Practice Between Holes (Note 2 to Rule 7).

Note: This condition does not apply if the stipulated round is a Pro-Am and it does not count in the official competition, or in any Match-Play competition.

### 5. **Close of Competition.**

The competition shall be deemed to have closed when all scores have been approved by the Rules Committee. In the event of a playoff, the competition shall be deemed to have closed when the playoff scores have been approved by the Committee.