

RECREATION PARK MEN'S GOLF CLUB

LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION (January 2019)

Play is governed by the current **USGA Rules of Golf**, the following **Local Rules**, and any **"Notice to Players"** distributed for a particular competition by the RPMGC Tournament Committee.

The local rules published on the back of the American Golf Recreation Park scorecard are null and void for all RPMGC Golf Tournaments.

Unless otherwise specified, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or a Condition of Competition is the GENERAL PENALTY (two strokes). Rule 14.7a

Pace of Play: The RPMGC Pace of Play policy is located at the starting table at all tournaments, and is posted on the Men's Club bulletin board. When a group fails to meet the specified time for play, the group, or depending on the format, an individual in the group, is subject to a penalty of two strokes, unless there are mitigating circumstances deemed acceptable to the Committee.

Discontinuance or Postponement of Play: Discontinuance or Postponement of Play shall be in a manner determined by the Golf Shop. For situations concerning rain, we play unless American Golf closes the course.

The following Local Rules, found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, shall be in effect:

Relief from Aeration Holes (E4)

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

(a) **Ball in General Area.** The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.

(b) **Ball on Putting Green.** The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. **But** interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.

Protection of Young Trees identified by stake, supports or wells (E-10)

The young trees identified by stakes and supports 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.

Ground Under Repair Treated as Part of Nearby Obstruction (F-3)

When white lines are not used to mark the ground under repair:

Where areas of damaged ground are right next to artificially surfaced road or path or other identified obstruction they are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green when ball is an area cut to fairway height or less (F-5)

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play:

Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:

On the line of play, and is: Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and Within two club-lengths of the ball.

Exception – No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

Relief for Seams of Cut Turf (F-7)

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:

(a) **Ball in General Area.** The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

(b) **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.

All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

Edging Grooves Near Putting Green (F-19)

The edging grooves around the aprons or fringes of *putting greens* are *ground under repair*. If a player's ball lies in or touches a groove or a groove interferes with the area of intended swing:

(a) **Ball in General Area.** The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.

(b) **Ball on the Putting Green.** The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1d.

But interference does not exist if the edging groove only interferes with the player's *stance*.

Out-of-Bounds: The Course-side edge of perimeter fences or fence posts, the edge of the road that separates holes #5, #6 and #9 (even if a ball comes to rest on another part of the course after crossing the road), the wall to the left of hole #13, the white stakes to the left of hole #15, and part of the hole #16, and the course supports and curbs around the parking lot and entry road define the boundary of course. A ball must be in the driving range to be out-of-bounds on hole #1.

Ground Under Repair: Enclosed white-lined areas define ground under repair. French drains, even if they are not marked, are deemed an abnormal ground condition.

Tree Roots: There is NO relief from tree roots under the Rules. A local rule is authorized only if an abnormal condition exists.

Irrigation-Control Boxes: NO line of play relief is permitted from these boxes. They are permanent immovable obstructions for lie of ball, stance and area of intended swing.

Bathrooms areas and Refreshment area (behind #7 green) on course: The structures themselves, and the artificially surfaced asphalt or concrete surrounding them are deemed obstructions in the General Area, and relief may be taken under Rule 16.1. There is no line of play relief.

Boundary Fence and Immovable Obstructions in close proximity: Any area within 2-club lengths of perimeter fences and cart paths or other roads are deemed to be part of the immovable obstruction and relief may be taken under Rule 16.1 for a ball that is in bounds; the Relief Area would be located in the General Area.

Distance-Measuring Devices: For all RPMGC competitions, a player may obtain distance information by using any device which measures distance ONLY. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 4-3, for which the penalty is Disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

Scorecards and Posting of Tournament Scores: Signed and attested score cards shall be turned in to the Tournament Committee at the scoring table immediately following the stipulated round. Once the card is turned over to the Committee it is deemed officially submitted. ALL tournament scores will be posted by the Handicap Committee. No player should post their own tournament score.

Close of Competition: A competition is deemed to have closed when the results have been officially announced, by posting on the Recreation Park website (recpark.com).

S C G A TEAM PLAY CONDITIONS

TEES – Play will be from the Blue Course markers or permanent Blue Disks as announced on the day of play.

COMPLETION OF MATCH – Upon conclusion of all matches, the group shall cease play.

PACE OF PLAY – A group is considered out of position if (a) more than 17 minutes has elapsed for each hole the group has played, and (b) it reaches the tee of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee or fails to reach the tee of a par-4 or par-5 hole before the preceding group clears the putting green. If both (a) and (b) occur, the course Marshal may direct the group to halve the current hole, regardless of strokes received, and proceed to the next hole. (NOTE: If it is clear that a particular player or players in a group that is out of position are not “playing without undue delay” that group is subject to timing, and a person in the group who takes more than 40 seconds to hit a shot on more than one occasion while the group is out of position, will be penalized 1 stroke, and for subsequent violations the General Penalty).