

LOCAL RULES

Shoreline Seniors Golf Club Local Rules (2020)

1. ONE CLUB LENGTH: Because fairways and rough continue to suffer, in the fairways and rough players may lift, clean, and place the golf ball within one club length of where it rests, but **no nearer the hole**. This rule does not apply to sand traps and hazards (inside the red or yellow stakes). Though there is no restriction on moving the ball from rough to fairway (or fringe), players may not use this rule to move a ball onto the putting green.
2. SQUIRREL HOLES: Since there are an extraordinary number of squirrel holes on the course, there is **no penalty** for a ball that goes into these holes. At least one other member of the playing group must agree that the ball *most probably* entered a hole.
3. GIMME PUTTS: There are no gimmes in stroke play events.
4. SWEEPS: All members and guests who play in the Monday and/or Wednesday tournaments must pay the \$5 sweeps. There are no exceptions.

Updated Local Rules Sheet for Shoreline Golf Course (2020)

(Clarifications are in red)

1. If a ball lies in the general area and an immovable obstruction within 2 club lengths of the putting green and within 2 club lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief within the relief area using Rule 16.1b.
This is intended for use mainly with sprinkler heads. If the sprinkler head is within 2 club lengths of the green, and the ball is within 2 club lengths of the sprinkler head, and the sprinkler head is in your line, you may move your ball so the sprinkler head is no longer in your line. Where you move the ball must be no nearer the hole. The 'general area' is defined as fairway or rough (not bunkers or penalty areas).
2. Holes and casts made by burrowing owls and ground squirrels are deemed to be Ground Under Repair and a no play zone, from which play is PROHIBITED. Mandatory relief MUST be taken under Rule 16.1b.
Relief must be in the general area (fairways and rough), it must not be closer to the hole, and there must be complete relief from the interference by the abnormal course condition.
3. When playing from the Red tee on Hole #17, the penalty area is defined as a lateral penalty area.
With lateral penalty areas, you get an extra option. You are allowed to drop outside the penalty area, anywhere within two club lengths of the spot where the ball went in the penalty area, no nearer the hole. Other options include using the drop zone, or stroke-and-distance.
4. The area within the penalty areas defined by red or yellow stakes **with a green tip** are environmentally sensitive areas and are no play zones. Play is PROHIBITED from these areas and must not be played as it lies, and relief must be taken from interference by the no play zone under Rule 17.1e.
You are not allowed to enter these areas. You must use relief from penalty areas defined by red or yellow stakes. For example, you can use a drop zone if one exists, or stroke-and-distance, or drop on a line formed by the pin and the point where the ball went in, or (in the case of a red stake) two club lengths from the point where the ball went in.
5. If a player does not know whether his or her ball is in a penalty area, then he or she may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3. If the player elects to hit a provisional ball and the original ball is subsequently found within a three-minute search time, the player may choose either to play the original ball as it lies in the penalty area, or continue to play the provisional ball in which case the original ball must not be played. When the Original Ball is not found within the three-minute search time, the provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play.
Provisional balls are generally for out-of-bounds and lost balls only, not for balls that may be in a penalty area.

This local rule allows the golfer to play a provisional ball if it may be in a penalty area (for example, the penalty area to the left of #12 fairway). This local rule is designed to speed up play.

6. Ball drops have been established on Holes #4, #11, and #17. Use of these ball drops may be suspended during competitions.
The Senior Club has defined ball drops for its members on these holes. Ball drop locations may be found on our web site.
7. Out of bounds is defined by white stakes and boundary fencing.
8. If the player has not hit a provisional ball, the player has the option **under two penalty strokes** to drop in a large area between the point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone out of bounds and the edge of the fairway that is not nearer the hole. This option may be suspended for elite competitions.
The Senior Club uses this rule. It allows an additional option besides playing a provisional or stroke-and-distance for O.B./Lost Ball. You may drop a ball anywhere between the edge of the fairway (up to two club lengths on the fairway) and the point where ball went out of bounds or is estimated to have come to rest (in the case of a lost ball). The place where you drop the ball **MUST NOT BE CLOSER TO THE HOLE** than the point where the ball went out of bounds or is estimated to have come to rest. **The penalty is two strokes.**

In order to speed up play, the Senior Club does not allow returning to the original hitting area if you cannot find your ball or find that it is O.B. So, if you do not hit a provisional, the only option you have is to drop near where the ball was lost at the cost of a **two-stroke penalty**.
9. Planted areas adjacent to the tees of Holes #3 and #15 and tree wells at staked trees on the course are defined as Ground Under Repair from which play is PROHIBITED. Relief MUST be taken pursuant to Rule 16-1b.
The planted areas referred to are a) between the #2 green and #3 tee, and b) between the #14 green and #15 tee.
10. Waterfowl Fencing and other devices installed around the lakes are Temporary Immovable Obstructions both in the General Area and the Penalty Areas. Relief taken for interference in the Penalty Area must remain in the Penalty area with no penalty, or outside the Penalty Area, under penalty of one stroke.
Free relief (relief without a penalty stroke) can be taken if the obstruction (eg., waterfowl fencing on #4 and sometimes on #1) interferes with stance, swing, or ball flight. You must use the **nearest point of complete relief** (not just any point of relief) in the hazard to avoid a penalty stroke. **Any** relief outside the hazard (such as using a drop zone or two club lengths on a red penalty area) results in a one stroke penalty.

Note: if the ball hits the fence and bounces back into the water, you do not get free relief. You only get free relief if you have a shot where the fence interferes with stance, swing, or ball flight. The ball could be on either side of the fence, but you must have a shot.