

Shoreline Golf Links Local Rules (2024)

(The actual Shoreline Local Rules are in black, additional explanations are in red.)

USGA Rules of Golf govern all play except as modified by these Local Rules.

Local Rule F-5: Free relief from line of play by immovable obstruction within 2 club lengths of putting green and within 2 club lengths of ball. This is primarily intended for use with sprinkler heads. To get this relief your ball must be in the fairway or rough (not a bunker or penalty area), and you must move the ball to within one club length of the nearest point of relief **no nearer the hole.**

Local Rule E-5: For ball lost or out of bounds, alternative to stroke and distance is in effect. 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 (two club lengths) of the fairway **that is not nearer the hole.**

Ground Under Repair: Play is prohibited from flowerbeds next to #2 green and #14 green, and tree wells with staked trees. Relief **MUST** be taken. One flower bed is between the #2 green and the #3 tee box, and the other is between the #14 green and the #15 tee box.

Drop zones are available on holes #4, #11, and #17 as an additional option for relief from penalty areas. (Not for tournament play.) The Senior Club has designated drop zones to be used on these holes during Senior Club tournaments.

Hole #17: The Yellow penalty area left of forward red tee is a Red penalty area for that tee. With Red penalty areas you get an extra option. You are allowed to drop outside the penalty area, anywhere within two club lengths of the point where the ball went into the penalty area, **no nearer the hole.** Other options include using the drop zone, or stroke-and-distance.

Penalty areas marked by green tipped red or yellow stakes are No Play Zones. Relief **MUST** be taken. You are not allowed to enter these areas – they are environmentally sensitive. 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.

Out of bounds is defined by white stakes or boundary fencing.

Waterfowl Fencing is an immovable obstruction. Player is **NOT** entitled to free relief when the ball is in the penalty area. Note that this is a change from older Shoreline Local Rules.

To protect burrowing owl habitat, if ball lie or intended swing (but not stance) affected by holes and casts made by burrowing animals mandatory relief **MUST** be taken under Rule 16.1b. for lie of ball and area of intended swing affected.

For holes #4, #11, #12 and #17, player may hit a provisional ball if the player is not certain if the ball cleared the penalty area. Generally, with Red and Yellow penalty areas, you are not allowed to hit a provisional. To speed up play, this rule is in effect.

Shoreline Seniors Golf Club Local Rules (2024)

These local rules have been agreed to by the Shoreline Seniors Golf Club Tournament Committee.

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.

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.

GIMME PUTTS: There are no gimmes in stroke play events.

SWEEPS: All members who play in the Monday and/or Wednesday tournaments must pay the \$5 sweeps. There are no exceptions. Guests do not pay the sweeps, nor are they eligible to win prizes.