



Pinehurst Country Club LOCAL RULES



Play is governed by the 2012-2013 USGA Rules of Golf except as amended by the following Local Rules.

DOUBT TO PROCEDURE – Rule 3-3: In stroke play, if a competitor is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole, he/she may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. The player must announce to his/her marker or a fellow competitor that he/she intends to play two balls and which ball he/she wishes to count if the Rules permit.

OUT OF BOUNDS – The nearest inside points at ground level of white stakes or white stakes with colored tops. A ball which crosses a public road that is out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is deemed to be out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – A) Areas completely encircled by white lines. B) French drains filled with rocks or stones. C) Cut Turf (Newly Sodded areas) even if unmarked.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – A) Sprinkler control boxes B) Water fountains C) Staked trees. Relief is for the stakes and rope not the tree itself E) Air Circulation fans F) Starter's house or any restroom building.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (TIO): Circulation fans are deemed to be TIO's. Relief is for stance, area of swing, or if TIO intervenes directly between the players ball and the hole and on his line of play.

ROADS AND PATHS – Artificially surfaced paths are deemed obstructions. All other paths are deemed integral parts of the course. Any white lined areas tying into roads or paths are deemed to be part of the same cart path obstruction.

AERATION HOLES: On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

SANDY AREAS: All sandy/natural areas not completely enclosed by sod are deemed to be through the green. These areas are not hazards, and the clubhead may be grounded. Note: no free relief for an embedded ball in loose sand in these areas. Sandy areas that are fully enclosed with sod or hazard lines are considered bunkers.

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES – A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, 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 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN – If a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and such an obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: the ball must be lifted and dropped (placed if on a putting green) at the nearest point to where the ball lay which (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids such intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when so lifted. Appendix I, page 130.

WATER HAZARDS – Defined by yellow stakes/lines. If both are used, stakes identify the hazard and lines define the margin of the hazard. When the margin is defined by stakes, the nearest outside points of the stakes at ground level define the margin.

LATERAL WATER HAZARDS – Defined by red stakes/lines. If both are used, stakes identify the hazard and lines define the margin of the hazard. When the margin is defined by stakes, the nearest outside points of the stakes at ground level define the margin.

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN – Appendix I, page 127: Lifting an embedded ball is permitted *through the green* excluding sandy areas