

# **Roseville Golf Club**

**Diamond Oaks Golf Course**

**NCGA Home Club**

**Local Rules Adopted: Jan 01, 2022**

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

## **1) SLOW PLAY:**

The RGC encourages a prompt pace of play. The Tournament Committee may position official clocks at the teeing area of the starting hole and the putting green of the finishing hole of the stipulated round. When clocks are present, each competitor MUST record the time the first member of their group tees off on the starting hole and the time that the last player of the group has holed out on the finishing hole on their individual scorecard. The group must meet both standards below.

- a) Complete the round in 4 hours and 30 minutes or less.
  - b) Finish within 15 minutes of the group in front of them. Penalty
- for breach of Rule: General Penalty for each member of the group.

Any penalty assessed will be applied to the score of the 18th hole and will become the official score for that hole. This official score will be used for calculating any tournament awards, including skins; but, not for posting the NCGA Handicap score.

## **2) PRACTICE:**

For the purpose of discouraging slow play a player must not practice putting or chipping on or near the putting green of the hole last played. Penalty for breach of rule is General Penalty.

## **3) LOCAL RULES FOR OBSTRUCTIONS:**

Players should follow USGA Rule 16 at all times, **except** for the RGC free relief allowed for:

- a) UNMARKED drainpipes/culverts and accompanying rocks throughout the course
- b) Large decorative and defining rocks near paths, tees, and planting areas
- c) Restrooms near #3 and #14 teeing grounds
- d) Protective screen directly behind the #4 forward teeing ground
- e) Post and chain safety barrier fronting and to the side of the hazard on Hole #6
- f) Asphalt Maintenance road to the left of the fairway and behind the green of Hole #10

Any Obstruction that can be moved shall be moved to obtain relief.

## **LOCAL RULES FOR OBSTRUCTIONS (Continued):**

If an immovable obstruction causes interference with the player's area of stance and/or intended swing, the player will get free relief. Before lifting, the player must mark the position of the ball and then drop the ball as per Rule 14.3 within one club length of the mark, no closer to the hole. Once the ball is dropped, it is considered in play. Note: There is 'no line of play' relief.

**Hole #10** - The pump house area and enclosure near the teeing ground is deemed to be an immovable obstruction. When a ball is lost within the enclosure or when the obstruction interferes with the lie of the ball, the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the player may drop as per Rule 14.3 and play a ball without penalty from within the white teeing ground. THE BALL MAY NOT BE TEED.

**Hole #18** – Boundary Fence directly behind the 18<sup>th</sup> Green. If a player declares his ball unplayable due to interference from the boundary fence, player will have two options.

- a) Stroke and distance relief at per Rule: 19.2a or 19.2b (i.e.- replay shot, stroke penalty)
- b) Or for speed of play - Under penalty of one stroke, the ball may be dropped closer to the hole as per the following procedure. From the ball resting spot, determine the nearest point of relief for stance and swing. Drop the ball as per as per Rule 14.3 and proceed with play.

### **INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE GENERAL AREA- NO RELIEF:**

- a) Dirt maintenance roads on Hole #2 – Left side of the fairway, paralleling the boundary fence and Hole #8 – Left side of the fairway, paralleling the driving range boundary fence
- b) Bridges on hole # 4 and #5, including bare areas on either side.  
For a ball lying in the General Area, play the ball as it lies or, under penalty of one stroke, proceed under Rule 19.2a or 19.2b, Unplayable Ball

### **4) ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS:**

In addition to any area of the course specifically marked as such, the following conditions will be considered Abnormal Ground Conditions in the:

a) General Area – (not Penalty Area) For these conditions, determine the nearest point of for stance and swing. Drop the ball within one club-length of that point, no nearer the hole. No penalty.

- 1) Hole #4 – any temporary overflow water in middle of fairway between Penalty Areas
- 2) Fall conditions – a ball that is certain to have come to rest in excessive pile of leaves.
- 3) Hole #16 & #17 - Large tree trunk partially removed between fairways.

b) Bunkers, ball is in casual water, player may take free relief inside bunker under Rule 16.1c (1) OR for one penalty stroke, outside bunker on the reference line straight back from the hole thru the spot of the ball under Rule 16.1C (2) . (Note: Tournament Committee may declare free relief if conditions warrant. If so, relief procedure will be as above under Rule 16.1C (2).

c) Old, uneven cup holes on the Putting Greens. The player may move the ball to the nearest point of relief, on the green, no closer to the hole.

#### **5) PREFERRED LIES:**

When the Tournament Committee has declared a Tournament will be played under Preferred Lies, a player ball in the General Area may be marked, lifted and placed within one scorecard length , no closer to the hole. Once the ball has been placed, it is considered in play and may not be moved. Penalty for breach of procedure, Rule 14.7a- Playing from Wrong Place, General Penalty.

Note : *No relief is available in penalty areas or the green.* Follow USGA Rules in those cases.

#### **6) PENALTY AREAS:**

Players should follow USGA Rule 17 at all times except:

- a) Hole #6- If a player is unsure if a shot has cleared the mid-hole canyon, to save time, the player may play a provisional ball as per Rule 17.1d. If the original ball is found *outside* the Penalty Area, that ball must be played.
- b) Hole #10 – If a player hits their tee shot into the water, they have the option to follow Rule 17.1 or drop a ball behind the red tee markers for one stroke penalty.
- c) Hole #17 - The concrete drainage ditch and the ground between the ditch and the boundary fence paralleling the left side of the fairway is deemed to be a Red Staked Penalty Area. Play the ball as it lies or proceed under Rule 17.1d

#### **7) OUT OF BOUNDS:**

Players should always follow USGA Rule 18.2a-b including course areas:

- a) Perimeter Retaining Walls (Including but not limited to):
  - The wall to the left of hole #5
  - The Cart Barn wall behind #9 green
- b) Driving range fence posts
- c) Boundary fence surrounding the electrical units/trash bins to the left of #18 green
- d) The parking lot, Pro Shop, restaurant patio and practice areas defined by concrete cart paths boarding those areas.

If a ball is Out of Bounds, the player must take stroke -and- distance relief by adding one penalty stroke and playing his next shot from where the previous stroke was made in accordance with Rule 14.6. Rule 18.2b

### **9. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY:**

As per USGA Rule 1.3b, it is the RGC Members responsibility to be familiar and apply the USGA Rules of Golf and RGC Local Rules to their play. During RGC Tournament Play Members must also read and follow the Conditions of Play provided by the Tournament Committee. Players should be encouraged to work within their playing foursome to correct any errors in applying the rules of play during a round.

**If Rules questions arise or Members observe violations of the Rules of Golf during a RGC event, Members should report the situation to the Rules Chairman for a ruling before scorecards are signed. Signing an incorrect scorecard is grounds for disqualification.**

### **NOTES:**

The **GENERAL AREA** covers the entire course except for the specific areas; Penalty Area, Bunkers, Putting Green & Teeing Area.

The **GENERAL PENALTY** for breach of rule is 2 strokes.

The Penalty for a serious breach may be disqualification.

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