

Roseville Golf Club
Diamond Oaks Golf Course
NCGA Home Club
Local Rules Adopted: Jan 01, 2026

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 green of the finishing hole. When clocks are present, each competitor must record the time that the first member of the group tees off and the time that the last player in the group has holed out on the finishing hole on the scorecard that they are scoring. The group must be in violation of both of the following conditions to be penalized:

- a.) Complete the round in 4 hours and 30 minutes or less and
- b.) Finish within 15 minutes of the group in front of them.

Penalty for breach of these conditions: 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. The official score will be used for calculating any tournament awards, including skins, but not for posting the NCGA tournament handicap score.

- c.) USGA Lost Ball, Out of Bounds Ruling. In order to facilitate a faster rate of play and to eliminate the “walk of shame” where you return to the tee box after having searched for your ball, we are adopting the USGA optional ruling for out of bounds or lost balls. **If the foursome agree that the ball is likely out of bounds, a player MUST hit a provisional ball from the tee box.** In the event that the ball is thought to be in play, but cannot be found, for two penalty strokes you can estimate where your ball is lost or went out of bounds and then find the nearest fairway edge that is not nearer the hole. You can then drop a ball within two club lengths of that fairway edge point, or anywhere between there and the estimated spot where your ball is lost or went out of bounds. If you think your ball might be out of bounds or you might not find it (even if the foursome does not agree), you should still play a provisional ball to save time. You must announce that you are playing a provisional ball before doing so. If you are then unable to find your original ball or it is out of bounds, your provisional ball is your ball in play under stroke and distance. You **cannot** hit a provisional ball and then invoke this rule.

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 area
- e.) Post and chain safety barrier fronting and to the side of hazard on Hole #6
- f.) Asphalt Maintenance road to the left of the fairway and behind the green on Hole #10

Hole #10- The pump house area and enclosure near the white teeing ground is considered 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 the ball without penalty within the white teeing ground. **THE BALL MAY NOT BE TEED UP.**

Hole # 18- Boundary fence directly behind the 18th green. If a player declares the ball unplayable due to interference from the boundary fence, the player will have two options.

- a.) Stroke and distance relief as per Rule 19.2a or 19.2b (ie replay shot, stroke penalty) or
- b.) B.) 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 Rule 14.3 and proceed with play.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE GENERAL AREA- NO RELIEF

- a.) Dirt maintenance road on Hole #2 – left side of the fairway paralleling the boundary fence and Hole #8- Left side of fairway-paralleling the driving range boundary fence.
- b.) Bridges on hole #4 and #5, including bare areas on either side.

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 relief for stance and swing. Drop the ball within 1 club-length of that point, no nearer the hole. No Penalty.
 - 1) Hole #4. Any temporary overflow water in the middle of the fairway between Penalty areas
 - 2) Fall/Winter Conditions – a ball that is certain to have come to rest in excessive piles of leaves or unmowed heavy grass. The foursome should agree that the ball landed in this area and the player should be provided a free drop of a replacement ball.
- b.) 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. No penalty.
- c.) Downed trees that have not been cut up and removed on the course. There is free relief, but also if a ball is virtually certain to have landed in the area of the downed tree and the foursome agrees, a ball may be dropped outside of the tree with no penalty.

5, PREFERRED LIES:

When the Tournament Committee has declared that a tournament will be played under Preferred Lies, a player ball in the General Area may be marked, lifted, cleaned and placed within one scorecard length, no closer to the hole. Once the ball has been placed it is considered to be in play and may not be moved again. 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 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 hit a provisional ball as per Rule 17.1d. If the original ball is found *outside* the Penalty area, the ball must then 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 a one stroke penalty. The ball may not be reteeed behind the red tee area.
- 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: Perimeter Retaining Walls (including but not limited to):

- The wall to the left of hole #5
 - The cart barn wall behind hole #9 green
- b.) Driving range Fence Posts
- c.) Boundary Fence surrounding the electrical units/trash bins to the left of Hole #18 green
- d.) The parking lot, Pro Shop, restaurant patio and practice areas defined by concrete cart paths surrounding those areas.

8. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY

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

If a Rules question arises or Members observe violations of the Rules of Golf during an RGC event, Members should report the violation 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 and 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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