

# LOCAL RULES

## San Clemente Municipal Golf Course

### USGA Rules Shall Apply, Except as Modified by These Local Rules:

- 1. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN:** Relief may be taken from interference by an immovable obstruction close to the putting green (ie. sprinkler heads, or water valves). If the ball lies off the putting green and not in a hazard, and an immovable 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 lift, clean and drop at the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole. **(Appendix 1-B-6.)**
- 2. BALL CROSSING PUBLIC ROAD:** A Ball Crossing Road or Parking lots- Holes #9, 10, 12, 14 and 18. "A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course." **(Decision 27/20) (Decision 33-8/38)**
- 3. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** "For all play at this course, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only." **(Appendix 1-B-9) (Rule 14-3)**
- 4. PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES:** "Protection of young trees identified by Stakes. If such a tree interferes with a players Stance or the area of his intended Swing, the ball must be lifted, without penalty, and be dropped in accordance with **Rule 24-2b** (Immovable Obstruction)." If the ball lies through the green, the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green.
- 5. WATER HAZARDS:** Water Hazards are defined by Red or Yellow stakes (or paint). **(Rule 26)** Holes #7,8, 13, and 15. Red stakes, or red painted fencing used to define the margin of or identify a lateral water hazard are obstructions. **(Rule 33-2a)** The split-rail fence along the entire fairway on Hole #8 defines the margin of the lateral water hazard (Ball touching or under the fence is in the hazard). Except when a ball is in a water hazard or a lateral water hazard, a player may take relief from interference by an immovable obstruction as follows: The player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. When the ball is dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, the ball must first strike a part of the course at a spot that avoids interference by the immovable obstruction and is not in a hazard and not on a putting green. **The left side of #16 fairway is now Out of Bounds. It is no longer a Water Hazard.**
- 6. ANGLED SUPPORTS (GUY WIRES):** Guy wires supporting the Driving Range fence along Holes #1 and 6 are considered Obstructions **(Rule 24)**. Swing or Stance relief- The player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief.
- 7. STONES IN BUNKERS:** Because stones in bunkers may represent a danger to players attempting to play the ball, permission is given to treat stones in bunkers as movable obstructions under **Rule 24-1 (Appendix 1 Local Rules Part B-5)**. If the ball does not lie on the obstruction (stone), the stone may be removed. If the ball moves, it must be replaced, no penalty. If the ball lies on the obstruction (stone), the ball may be lifted and the stone removed. The ball must be dropped, as near as possible to the spot directly under the place where the ball lay on the stone, but not nearer the hole. The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this Rule.
- 8. FLOWER BEDS AS GROUND UNDER REPAIR (G.U.R.):** If a ball is in one of the courses Flower Beds:
  - a. Beyond the 1st green and next to the 2nd tee
  - b. Between the 7th tee and 18th green
  - c. Between the 10th and 12th greensPlay is prohibited and is deemed to be in **Ground Under Repair (G.U.R.)**. If a players ball is in one of these defined **Flower Bed Areas**, or, if these areas interfere with the players **stance** or his intended **swing**, the player **MUST** take relief under **Rule 25-1**. □The player is entitled to lift, clean and drop (without penalty) within one club-length, of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief.
- 9. ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON A PUTTING GREEN:** Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified so that no penalty is imposed if the ball or ball-marker, when on the green, is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The ball is replaced without penalty. An element such as wind or water moving the ball means the ball is now played where it comes to rest and is not considered as accidental movement of the ball.