

LOCAL RULES SAN MARINO GOLF CLUB 2023

The Rules of R&A Limited apply.

1. **OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18.2):** The out-of-bounds is defined by the posts supporting the electrified fence, white posts, and the fence separating the playing area from the private property (hole 9).
2. **PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17):** Penalty areas are defined by yellow or red stakes/lines. When both stakes and lines are used to define a penalty area, the stakes identify the area, and the lines delimit the margin of the obstacle.

Hole 5: If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball lies in the red penalty area located between the teeing area and the green, in addition to all options under Rule 17.1, the player may drop a ball, with a one-stroke penalty, in the designated drop zone.

Hole 6: If it is known or virtually certain that a ball lies in the red penalty area of the fenced pond, the player may NOT play the ball as it lies, but may:

- (i) proceed under the remaining options of Rule 17.1, or
- (ii) as an additional option, drop a ball, with a one-stroke penalty, in the designated drop zone.

3. **ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (Rule 16.1):**
 - a) Ground Under Repair: any area defined by a white line on the ground and/or blue stakes.
 - b) Any area of unusually damaged ground (e.g., tire marks) deemed abnormal by a referee.
 - c) Areas damaged by crows, magpies, badgers, mole crickets.
 - d) Seams of turf.
 - e) Bunker's areas where sand has been removed by water movement, creating and exposing furrows, drainage channels, and erosion of the surface.

The Local Rule Type F-6 is in effect: interference from a hole, a heap of earth, or an animal burrow or tunnel is not treated as interference under the Rules if it only interferes with the player's stance.

4. **PROHIBITED PLAYING AREA (Rule 17.1.e.):** The fenced red penalty area of the pond is a prohibited playing area. ACCESS IS FORBIDDEN.

5. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 15.2):**
 - a) Gravel-filled drainage channels and their extensions, the non-turfed edges of the channels.
 - b) Electric lines, the supporting stakes and wooden posts, fence posts of the pond, and the fence posts separating the playing area from the private property (hole 9), wooden posts and nets near the teeing areas for protection of players.

If any of the above obstructions interfere with a player's stance or the area of the intended swing, the player may take relief without penalty following the procedure described in Rule 16.1 (Immovable Obstruction).

6. **SPECIAL NOTICES:**
 - a) DO NOT ENTER THE POND AREA - DANGER OF FALLING AND DROWNING.

7. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION (Rule 5.7b) Signals:**
 - Immediately discontinue play: one prolonged siren sound.
 - Discontinue play: three consecutive siren sounds, repeated.
 - Resume play: two short siren sounds, repeated. Regardless of this Condition of Competition, the player remains responsible for discontinuing play due to the danger of lightning under Rule 5.7a. In the case of an 18-hole competition suspended due to natural events, for the purpose of the final ranking, the first 9 holes may be considered if all competitors have completed them.

8. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

In addition to the behavior expected of players on the course as stated in Rule 1.2a, the competition committee has adopted the following code of conduct:

- Prohibition for players to physically enter all areas designated as "Prohibited Playing Areas" and where access is forbidden.
- Inappropriate golf attire.
- Unacceptable behavior, which may result in penalties during the round for the following infractions:
 - I. Failure to care for the course, e.g., not repairing a pitch mark, not replacing a divot, or not smoothing a bunker.
 - II. Use of inappropriate language.
 - III. Throwing clubs.

Penalties for Code of Conduct violations:

1st Infraction: Warning from the Referee or a Committee Member.

2nd Infraction: One-stroke penalty.

3rd Infraction: General penalty (two strokes)

4th Infraction: Disqualification.