

### Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for the 2024 Yorba Linda City Championship

The Yorba Linda City Championship tournament play is governed by the Rules of Golf effective January 1, 2024, and the 2023-2024 USGA Decisions on the Rules of Golf and, where applicable, the following Local Rules and Conditions, along with additional Local Rules as may be supplied. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the current edition of the Rules of Golf.

#### **LOCAL RULES:**

Pace of Play—All groups are subject to the following pace of play policy: 15 minutes per hole maximum (4.5 hours total), if any group falls more than (3) three minutes behind pace, they will be given a warning and put "on-the-clock". If the group fails to regain position with the next two holes, each competitor in the group will be assessed a two-stroke penalty.

Scorecard—Any Local Rules listed on the club scorecard or posted at the host club are unofficial and have no status in Yorba Linda City competition.

Water and Lateral Water Hazard Stakes and Lines—When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

Ground Under Repair—Defined by white lines and/or stakes. French drains are deemed to be ground under repair (Rule 25-1).

**Distance-Measuring Devices**—A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green—When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

<u>Note</u>: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances must be replaced.

Practice Before or Between Rounds—Practice is not permitted on the competition course prior to or between rounds of a stroke-play competition (See Note to Rule 7-1b).

#### **CONDITIONS:**

List of Conforming Driver Heads—Any driver the player carries must have a club-head, identified by model and loft that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA.

Discontinuance of Play—A discontinuance of play by the Committee will be signaled by messages via cart <u>GPS screens</u>. Players shall discontinue play immediately and shall not resume play until the Committee orders a resumption of play. All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous condition until the Committee declares them open. NOTE: A player has the right to stop play because of the threat of lightning, even if play has not been suspended by the Committee.

Practice—Prior to and after his round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 7-1b applies to other practice in stroke play. **Disqualification**—In an individual competition, when a player breaches a Rule where the penalty is disqualification, the player must leave the course immediately.

Cellular Phones—Players should ensure that any electronic device taken onto the course does not distract other players. For further guidelines see Decisions 14-3/16 and 14-3/18.

Time of Starting—The clock at the tee where the player begins his stipulated round is the official time of starting (Dec. 6-3a/2.5). Starters will not page players in advance of their starting time. Players should arrive at their assigned tee 10 minutes prior to their starting time.

Player Carts—A maximum of two carts are allowed per group. Players with more than two carts in a group will not be permitted to continue until the players have joined into two carts.

Caddies—May ride in golf carts during a stipulated round. A player cart may be used by the player and/or their caddie to transport a player's clubs. A player may walk, and their caddie may drive. A caddie may carry a player's bag and the player may ride.

Serious Breach of Etiquette—Disruptive or inappropriate behavior contrary to the good conduct of the tournament in the determination of the Committee will not be tolerated. Further disciplinary action may be imposed, including suspension from future events. PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION (Rule 33-7).

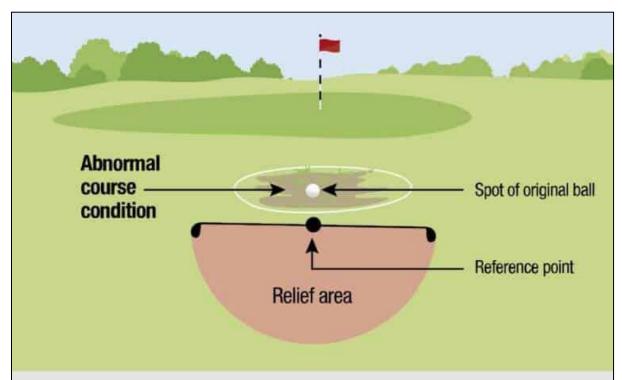
## **Abnormal Course Conditions**

## Relief from Abnormal Course Conditions -

Ground Under Repair, Dangerous Animal Condition, Embedded Ball

You may take free relief there is interference by an abnormal course condition – interference exists when any one of these is true:

- Your ball touches or is in or on an abnormal course condition
- An abnormal course condition physically interferes with your area of intended stance or area of intended swing
- \*\* No free relief from an abnormal course condition when the condition is out of bounds, or your ball is in a penalty area. \*\*



Free relief is allowed when the ball is in the general area and there is interference by an abnormal course condition. The nearest point of complete relief should be identified and a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

Reference Point	Size of Relief Area	Limits on Relief Area
The nearest point of complete relief	One club-length from the reference point	The relief area:  • Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and  • Must be in the general area

# **Player Notes:**

When taking relief, you must take complete relief from all interference by the abnormal course condition.