

PAPAGO MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

LOCAL RULES (revised September 2019)

All play at Papago Golf Course in Papago Men's Golf Association (PMGA) sponsored events shall be conducted according to the USGA RULES OF GOLF and these PMGA LOCAL RULES. Disregard any local rules on the Papago scorecard. All competitors are responsible to know and comply with the USGA and PMGA RULES.

LOCAL RULE A: OUT OF BOUNDS is defined by (a) the inside edges at ground level of the posts supporting all boundary fences around the perimeter of the golf course, (b) the outside edge at ground level of the fence surrounding the maintenance area to the left of #12, and (c) the edge of the cart path closest to the golf course behind #18 and #9 greens and #1 and #10 tees.

LOCAL RULE B: RED AND YELLOW PENALTY AREAS (see USGA Rule 17) include and are identified as follows:

1: The lake to the right of hole #1 is a RED penalty area.

5: The marked area beyond the cart path behind and below the #5 green is a RED penalty area (see below for DROP AREAS).

9: The lake on #9 is identified as a RED penalty area.

10: The lake on the left of #10 is always played as a RED penalty area when playing hole #10.

11: The lake on #11 is a YELLOW penalty area. (*See also* Local Rule E-1 below)

12: The area to the left of hole #12 running parallel to the service road is a RED penalty area.

When stakes and lines are present, the stakes identify the color/nature of the penalty area.

When the course is not properly marked, the margin of a penalty area is defined as one club length from the normal margin of the water's edge.

LOCAL RULE E-1: DROP ZONES ("relief areas" under Rule 14.3).

#5: If a ball is in the marked RED penalty beyond the cart path behind and below the #5 green, for one penalty stroke the player shall take relief in the NEAREST of the two marked Drop Zones (the lower one is behind the left portion of the green, and the higher one is behind the right portion of the green).

11: If a ball is in the YELLOW penalty area (lake) on # 11, for one penalty stroke the player may either: (1) take relief under Rule 17.1(d), **OR** (2) drop the original ball or another ball in the Drop Zone marked on the closely mown area of the forward tee box. NOTE: the traditional raised Drop Zone just in front of the penalty area (lake) has been designated as a No Play Zone by Papago, and may NOT be used as a Drop Zone.

##9 & 18: If a ball is in the marked RED penalty area behind the #9 and #18 greens and beyond the cart path, or on the lawn areas outside Lou's Restaurant and Evie's Pavilion, for one penalty the player shall take relief in one of the marked Drop Zones near and to either side of the cart path that splits the #9 and #18 greens – if playing #9, use the Drop Zone on the #9 side, if playing #18, use the Drop Zone on the #18 side.

Use these Drop Zones when the ball is found in the penalty area, and, if the ball is not found, when it is known or virtually certain that the lost ball came to rest in the penalty area.

LOCAL RULE E-10: PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES/CACTI IDENTIFIED BY SUPPORT STAKES, POLES, OR WIRES.

Such identified young trees or cacti are No Play Zones under Rule 2.4 Rule 17.1(e). Where the player's ball lies on or touches such a tree/cactus, OR where such a tree/cactus interferes with a player's stance or his area of intended swing, the player MAY NOT play the ball where it lies, and instead:

(1) If the ball is NOT in a penalty area, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1(f).

(2) If the ball DOES lie in a penalty area, the player must take relief under Rule 17.1(e).

Exception: A player may not take FREE relief under this Local Rule if (a) it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than the tree/cactus, or (b) interference by the tree would occur only through use of an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing, or direction of play.

Intervention on the line of play is not, of itself, interference under this Rule.

LOCAL RULE F-1: ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS: As defined in the USGA Rules for purpose of relief, "An **abnormal course condition**" is any animal hole, ground under repair, an immovable obstruction, or temporary water. **NOTE: Washout areas and erosion ruts are NOT abnormal ground conditions.**

The following shall also be deemed to be **abnormal course conditions:** (i) tree stumps and limbs deliberately piled for removal; (ii) recently downed tree stumps; (iii) french drains; (iv) deliberately piled dirt; (v) sprinkler heads and control boxes; (vi) irrigation drainages; (vii) drip irrigation lines (ball must be dropped); (viii) concrete irrigation features (right of #2 / both sides of #3); (ix) concrete or asphalt cart paths and curbs; (x) concrete bridge/culvert left of green #5; (xi) ball washers, trash receptacles, and water stations, including the base; (xii) protective fences around plants; (xiii) support

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stakes/poles and wires supporting trees; (xiv) utility posts and guide wires; (xv) concrete, metal, or plastic culverts; (xvi) the restroom to the right of #6 tee; (xvii) the pumps, tanks, and fenced area behind #1 green; and (xviii) the weather station left of #12 (if the ball is not found, to obtain free relief it must be known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in such an Abnormal Course Condition).

Intervention on the line of play is not, of itself, interference under this Rule.

Limbs and debris that may have been downed by storm damage are played as LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS.

The rocked area left of #14 green is NOT an abnormal course condition.

LOCAL RULE F-5: IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN. Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player also has these extra options to take relief when such an immovable obstruction is close to the putting green AND on the line of play:

Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1(b) if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play, and is (a) within two club-lengths of the putting green, and (b) within two club-lengths of the ball.

Exception: No relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

LOCAL RULE F-7: RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF. If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf, or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing:

(a) **Ball in General Area.** The player may take relief under Rule 16.1(b).

(b) **Ball on Putting Green.** The player may take relief under Rule 16.1(d).

But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.

All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3(c)(2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

LOCAL RULE G-8: AUDIO AND VISUAL DEVICES. Rule 4.3(a)(4) is modified in this way: During a PMGA event while on the course, a player may not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device, except with the express consent of his playing partners.

LOCAL RULE J-1: STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY. The following signals shall apply for purpose of Rule 5.7.

One prolonged note of siren → dangerous situation suspension – must stop play immediately.

Three consecutive notes of siren → normal suspension – stop play, but player(s) may complete hole.

Two short notes of siren, repeated, → resume play.

LOCAL RULE K: START TIME, TIME CLOCK, PACE OF PLAY, PENALTIES. Warning is not required prior to assessing a penalty.

TIME OF STARTING (Rule 5.3(a)): If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification under the Rules, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play instead of disqualification. NOTE: The Committee may establish a new starting time for a player/group to avoid disqualifications. PMGA will observe this local rule in all events.

TIME CLOCK, PACE OF PLAY, PENALTIES:

1. One scorecard in each foursome must be time stamped three times: after all players have hit their tee shot on the first hole; after all players have holed out on # 9, and after all players have holed out on # 18. Failure to do so will result in a penalty stroke to each member of the group at the Committee's discretion.
2. Each group must complete each nine with 2:10, or within 15 minutes of the group ahead (unless these times are modified for a specific event). Each member of the group will be assessed one penalty stroke for each nine on which a time violation occurs. Such penalty stroke(s) will be assessed on 9 and/or 18.
3. A group is considered "out of position" if the next hole is clear when the group reaches the teeing ground. The Committee may assess a one-shot penalty to individuals who contribute to the delay in play when the condition exists for two holes. A player must play his next shot within 45 seconds when it is his turn to play. **"Ready golf" is always encouraged when it is necessary to maintain position on the golf course!!**
4. It is the responsibility of the players in the group to determine compliance with the time requirements above upon completion of their round, by examining their time stamps, and if necessary, by comparing to the time stamps of the group ahead. If it appears the group will receive a penalty, and if any member(s) of the group believe there are grounds to challenge or appeal the penalty (such as time spent searching for a lost ball on 8, 9, 17, or 18), they must do so promptly upon completion of their round, in the scoring area. After that, any such challenge or appeal will be deemed waived.