

# Rustic Canyon Golf Club

## Tournament

### RULES OF PLAY

#### INFORMATION:

Play is governed by the 2012-2015 USGA Rules of Golf and its Decisions and where applicable, by the following Local Rules, Conditions and Definitions. Unless otherwise specified, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is two strokes.

1. **TIME OF STARTING:** See Note under Rule 6-3. The first tee time for Club tournaments is 9:00 a.m. Each group following tees off in 10 minute intervals. You are required to be at the first tee ready to play at your designated time.
2. **PACE OF PLAY:** A player shall be subject to penalty if he unduly delays play (Rule 6-7). For Club tournaments, the target pace of play is 4 hours 30 minutes. A group will be warned if it falls behind the group in front of it by one hole. The group will have two holes to get back into position, in pace with the group in front. If, after two holes, the group has not re-established its position, it will be subject to a 2 stroke penalty. The group will then have another two holes to get in position. If still out of position, the group will receive a second 2 stroke penalty. If the group is still out of position two holes after receiving a second penalty, it will be disqualified.
3. **GOLF BALLS:** Only brands of golf balls on the most current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls may be used. Penalty: Disqualification. See Appendix I.
4. **STONES IN BUNKER:** Stones in Bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1). At Rustic Canyon Golf Course, there are no "waste" bunkers, meaning that you can remove stones, but cannot ground your club.
5. **LIFTING AN EMBEDDED BALL:** Relief for a ball embedded in its own pitch mark through the green shall be allowed.
6. **ENVIRONMENTALLY-SENSITIVE AREAS:** The State of California has declared the area marked by **Red Stakes with Green Tops** Environmentally-Sensitive. If a ball is in an environmentally-sensitive area defined as a water hazard or lateral water hazard, the player **MUST** under penalty of one stroke, proceed under Rule 26-1. The player's options are: (a) Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (Rule 20-5). (b) Keeping the point where the original ball last crossed the margins of the hazard directly between the hole and the point on which the ball is dropped, with no limit as to how far behind the water hazard the ball may be dropped. (c) Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard and not nearer the hole or at a point on the opposite margin of the hazard that is an equidistant from the hole. (d) A Ball Drop Circle is located on Holes #6, #7, #11 & #14. See #14 below for more info.
7. **OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by inside points of the perimeter fence posts at ground level and/or white stakes. Left of holes #1, #2, #3, #12 & #18. Right of hole #13, #14, and #16. Stroke and distance penalty (Rule 27).
8. **HOLE #13 (LEFT SIDE):** Left side of the fence is an open area. Player may enter the area and play his shot. An unbound ball is considered a lost ball and requires a replay of the previous shot.
9. **ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITONS:** Ground under repair is defined by being circled with white lines (Rule 25).
10. **SCORECARD RETURN:** Upon the completion of play, please return your attested scorecard to the scoreboard located in the Grill.
11. **SPRINKLER HEAD LOCATED WITHIN TWO CLUB LENGTHS OF PUTTING GREEN:** If a sprinkler head located within two clubs lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of where the ball comes to rest interferes with the player's stance, swing and/or the player's intended line of play, the player is entitled to relief without penalty. The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point where the ball lay which is not nearer the hole, avoids the interference, and is not in a hazard. The ball may be cleaned when so lifted. Appendix I.
12. **DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE:** If a competitor is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of any hole he may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking any other action, the competitor must announce to his marker or a fellow competitor that he intends on playing two balls and which ball he wishes to count if the Rules permit. The competitor must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning his scorecard, (Rule 3-3).
13. **MEASURING DEVICES:** Distance-Only Measuring Devices may be used in the competition.
14. **ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS AS SPECIFIC TO RUSTIC CANYON GOLF COURSE:** Please note that all red staked areas at Rustic Canyon are Environmentally Sensitive areas. This means that not only should you not enter the area to search for your ball; you cannot legally take a stroke from there anyway. If your ball goes in these areas, proceed with the rules in #6. Common areas where this has been an issue are:
  - a. Hole #1 (right side of fairway)
  - b. Hole #5 (left of the cart path through the wash)
  - c. Hole #6 (the wash separating the Blue and Black tees from the green)
  - d. Hole #7 (the wash that bisects the fairway)
  - e. Hole #9 (right and left side)
  - f. Hole #10 (right side)
  - g. Hole #11 (the wash on the left side of the fairway)
  - h. Hole #14 (the area separating the Blue and Black tees from the fairway, left of the fairway).

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