

Plumas Pines Men's Golf Club – 2017 Local Rules

The USGA Rules of Golf govern all play and are supplemented by the following local rules.

1. 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.

2. Out of bounds is identified by white stakes or paved public roads and the wooden posts on hole #5; the out of bounds margin on hole #5 identified by the wooden posts is defined by the outside edge of the wooden posts; the wooden posts and associated chains on Hole #5 are deemed immovable obstructions. There is an inside course out of bounds along the left side of hole #18, it is defined by white stakes; these stakes do not apply to hole #12 and are deemed immovable obstructions on the play of hole #12 (Decisions 24/5).

Note: The wooden fence posts and chains on hole #15 do not identify out of bounds and are deemed immovable obstructions.

3. Except for the ball that crosses Aspen Circle from the back tee on Hole #8, 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 (Decisions 27/20).

4. Rules 18-2, 18-3, and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball is on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, 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.

Note: 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 the new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

5. Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned, and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole.

6. Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies). If the ball moves when removing the stone, it must be replaced, no penalty.

7. French drains on the fairways and rough are deemed to be ground under repair and the player is entitled to relief as prescribed in Rule 25-1.

8. Protection of young trees is identified by stakes. If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the ball **must** be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with Rule 24-2b (Immovable Obstruction). The ball may be cleaned when so lifted.

9. Logs or rails lining cart paths and the associated decorative rock or bark in the cut-out area adjacent to the cart path are deemed to be part of the path and the player may take relief as prescribed in Rule 24-2.