

RULES GOVERNING SACRAMENTO GOLF CLUB EVENTS

USGA RULES

- All USGA rules apply - except as amended by Local Rules below.

LOCAL RULES

- Distance-measuring devices (lasers, GPS, etc.) are allowed unless they have wind and terrain measuring (distance or slope angle) capability.
- No "winter rules" except when/where specifically allowed by the Tournament Leader or Coordinator. When allowed, the applicable scope must be specified: closely mown areas (equivalent to fairway) or through the green (everyplace on the course except hazards and the teeing ground or putting green of the hole being played). When and where allowed, this means you may lift, clean and place the ball within one club length of its original position, not nearer the hole, and not in a hazard or on the putting green. See Rules of Golf - Appendix I, Section B, Paragraph 4.c.
- No "gimmie" putts - the ball must be holed.
- Maximum event handicaps are: 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women, per USGA Handicap Manual, Section 3-4. Tournament handicaps will be based on the lower of NCGA Handicap Index or SGC Index.
- Tournament scores will be automatically posted to the GHIN system.
- Distance-measuring devices (lasers, GPS, etc.) are allowed.
- Bionic™ golf gloves are allowed.
- Stones in bunkers are moveable obstructions in accordance with Rule 24-1. They may be removed and if the ball moves in the process, it must be replaced. No penalty attaches to either action.
- For immovable obstructions close to putting green, players may take relief as follows: if the ball lies through the green and an immovable obstruction on or within two club lengths of the putting surface and within two club lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief. The ball may be lifted, cleaned and DROPPED at the nearest point that is not closer to the hole, avoids the interference, and is not in a hazard or on the putting green. See Rules of Golf - Appendix I, Section B, Paragraph 6.
- Natural objects marking distance on the course (e.g., rocks, shrubs at 150 yards) are part of the course and no relief is available. See USGA Rules of Golf/Rules FAQs.
- For the purpose of administering and guiding tournaments, "The Committee" consists of the Club President, the Tournament Director, and the Tournament Coordinator. Responsibilities of The Committee are defined in Rules of Golf 33.
- Be sure that you and your competitor resolve any issues with the Committee, then sign your scorecard and give it to the Tournament Director or Coordinator immediately upon completing your tournament round. See Rules of Golf 6-6.

When in doubt about a rule, invoke Rules of Golf 3-3 and finish the hole with two balls and discuss the situation with the tournament committee at end of round (before signing scorecard).