

EL PARAISO GOLF CLUB – LOCAL RULES (updated 26th April 2019)

OUT OF BOUNDS. (OB) A ball is deemed out of bounds on or beyond any fence, wall, hedge bounding the course, and also beyond areas delineated by white stakes or lines. The internal road to the Club is out of bounds. A ball which crosses that road and comes to rest on or beyond, is deemed OB, even though it may lie on another part of the course. Holes 3 & 9 OB is marked by white stakes in front of the hedges. On hole 12, there are white stakes from the corner of the boundary fence to the boundary wall at the villa. On hole 18, there are white stakes around the practice nets and the kerb at the green is marked showing the extent of OB round the back of the green.

PENALTY AREAS (formally Water Hazards) –Rule 17. All penalty areas are defined by red stakes. Under penalty of one stroke, you may take stroke and distance relief, go back online relief or take lateral relief. This third option involves the player establishing the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the penalty area, and dropping within the relief area. If a player does not know whether their ball is in the penalty area, the player may play a *provisional ball*, under rule 18. Dropping zones, defined by a line on the ground are available on holes 12 & 18, the ball must be dropped in, and come to rest in the dropping zone, Rule 14.

BUNKERS. Rule 12. Movable obstructions in bunkers can be removed, without penalty and if the ball moves, it must be replaced. Loose impediment (including stones) can be removed without penalty, but if the ball moves, it must be replaced, but under a penalty. Relief may be taken from cloth, concrete linings and visible tree roots. If a player has reason to believe that there is concrete beneath a shallow depth of sand and that injury could result from playing or standing to the shot, the depth of sand may be tested with a tee peg. The ball may be lifted and **placed** at the nearest point of relief within the bunker and not nearer the hole. No penalty applies. Normal relief (one stroke penalty) under rule 19.3 for unplayable ball, must be **dropped** in the relief area. Extra relief outside the bunker is available for two shot penalty, back on the line of play.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS. Rule 16. Includes artificially surfaced roads and paths including edges, control stations, flowerbeds, tee marker stones, tee furniture, drain covers, edging strips on sides of greens and bunkers, and tee retaining walls. A player is not entitled to relief from bridges if their ball lies within the margins of the hazard.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS. (GUR)Rule 16. In general areas, marked by white lines or marked with blue stakes are GUR. Play is prohibited from all ground under repair. If a ball lies in the area, or it interferes with a player's stance or area of intended swing, the player **MUST** take full relief.

STAKED TREES. Staked trees or trees adjacent to a blue post are GUR. If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than a penalty area, and such a tree, interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player claims relief under Rule 16. The ball may be lifted and dropped, without penalty, within 1 club length of the nearest point of relief and not nearer the hole.

TRACTOR & BUGGY RUTS. Relief without penalty may be taken from all tractor and buggy ruts in the general area, but only if the ball and not the players stance is affected.

FRENCH DRAINS. An open drain covered with loose stones, is deemed to be an integral part of the course i.e. there is NO free relief.

EMBEDDED BALL – Rule 16.3. For a ball embedded in its own pitch mark, in the general area, the player, may take free relief, by dropping the original or another ball in their relief area.

RAISED OR SUNKEN DRAINAGE TRENCHES. Free relief is available for a ball but not a player's stance, from all raised or sunken drainage trenches on **closely mown areas only**. No free relief for drainage trenches in the rough. You must play the ball as it lies or deem it unplayable.

FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS. If such an obstruction on or within two club lengths of the putting surface of the hole being played and within two club lengths of the ball, intervenes on the line of play – between the hole and the ball, the player may obtain free relief at the nearest point of relief, not on the putting green or nearer the hole. **No relief if line of play is unreasonable.**

UNPLAYABLE BALL – Rule 19 Unplayable ball relief is allowed anywhere on the course **except** in a penalty area. If a ball is unplayable in a penalty area, the player's only option is to take penalty relief under rule 17.

FLOWER BEDS. There are a number of cultivated flower beds and planted areas with bark chip that have been laid around the course. A player must drop within one club from the nearest point of relief OR if provided the **nearest** drop zone, no nearer the hole.

HOLE 7. The red stakes define the arroyo and the lake as a complete hazard. Relief as rule 17.1 The dropping zone on this hole must be used for all balls on the buggy path, flowerbed in the turning circle or the cope of the retaining wall.

BAD WEATHER AND SUSPENSION OF PLAY A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by one prolonged note on the siren. All other suspensions will be signalled by three consecutive notes of the siren. In either case resumption of play will be signalled by two short notes of the siren.

PLAY READY GOLF

TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES

11th Hole – Temporary Green in operation.

1. During the play of hole 11, the general area, cut to fairway height on the 10th hole, to the right of the 11th hole, is **out of bounds**. This is defined by the **white continuous line**.
2. The construction workings, on the 11th green is deemed by the Committee to be GUR for the whole working area. Play is prohibited from all abnormal course conditions. (GUR)
3. **PREFERRED LIES** When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area, cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief **once**, by PLACING the original or another ball in and playing from this relief area. The size of the relief area is one scorecard width radius, from the reference point, not nearer the hole than the original ball. Players should mark their ball, before lifting to record the reference point. If the ball then moves by natural forces, it must be played as it lies.
4. Aeration holes. If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole, they may take free relief under Rule 16.1b, for the general area or Rule 16.1d on the putting green. Interference does not exist if the aeration hole interferes with the players stance, or on the putting green, line of play.