



**Standard Local Rules of Play
Arnold Palmer Signature Course**

Play will be governed by the Rules of Golf and, where applicable, by Bay Creek Local Rules, Conditions and Definitions. Appendix I refers to the Appendix of Local Rules in the USGA Rules of Golf.



Unless otherwise provided, penalty for breach of Local Rules is Two Strokes in Stroke Play or Loss of Hole in Match Play.

1. **Golf Balls**—The One Ball Rule will NOT be in effect. (Please be sure that you can identify your golf ball.)
2. **Suspension of Play**
SUSPENDING PLAY— 1 prolonged note of siren, repeated.
Play will stop immediately, DO NOT CONTINUE, Penalty: DISQUALIFICATION. *When play is suspended all practice areas are closed until the committee deems them open.*
RESUMPTION OF PLAY— 1 prolonged note of siren, repeated.
3. **LATE TO TEE**—Rule 6-3a provides: “The player shall start at the time laid down by the *committee*.” The penalty for breach of Rule 6-3a is disqualification. However, it is a condition of the competition that, if the player arrives at his/her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his/her starting time, in absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole in stroke play instead of disqualification.
4. **LIFTING AN EMBEDDED BALL**— Anywhere “through the green” a ball which is embedded in it’s own pitch-mark in ground, except in loose sand may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. (Appendix I)
5. **PACE OF PLAY**- (Rule 6-7 Undue Delay) A player shall be subject to penalty if he/she unduly delays play. The Local Rule for Pace of Play is in effect and available.
6. **LATERAL WATER HAZARDS**— Defined by red lines and/or stakes. (Rule 26-1) The lines are in the hazard and stakes are removable.
7. **WATER HAZARDS**— Defined by yellow lines and/or stakes. (Rule 26-1) The lines are in the hazard and stakes are removable.
8. **OUT OF BOUNDS**— Defined by nearest inside edge of white stakes or fence posts at ground level and by interior roads. When Out of Bounds is defined by a white line the line itself is out of bounds. (Rule 27) **DO NOT REMOVE STAKES.**

Note: A ball which crosses the inside edge of a sidewalk or parking lot shall be considered out of bounds, even though it may come to rest on another part of the golf course.
9. **PROHIBITION AGAINST TOUCHING LINE OF PUTT WITH CLUB**— The line of putt shall not be touched with a club for any purpose except to repair old hole plugs or ball marks or during address. (Appendix I)

10. **MARKING POSITION OF LIFTED BALL**— Before a ball on the putting green is lifted, it’s position shall be marked by placing a small coin or similar object (no larger than a quarter) immediately behind the ball. (Appendix I)
11. **GROUND UNDER REPAIR**- (Rule 25-1)
⇒ Defined by white lines, including those marked for gallery crosswalks.
⇒ French drains which are trenches filled with rocks or stones.
⇒ Active fire ant beds and mounds.
⇒ Relief is for lie of ball only for the following:
 - a) Sod Seams
 - b) Newly trenched areas
 - c) Non-burrowing animal damage
12. **STAKED TREES**— If lie of ball, stance and/or area of intended swing is interfered with by the stake attached to a tree, the stake and/or rope/wire is treated as an Immovable Obstruction. Relief without penalty from tree itself is not permitted. (*Relief is given on drain openings next to trees for stance or swing.*)
13. **PRACTICE OF HOLE LAST PLAYED**— Prohibited. (Appendix I)
14. **ROADS & PATHS (White Lines)**- White lined areas tying into roads or paths have the status as roads or paths and are thus Obstructions and not Ground Under Repair.
15. **RETAINING WALLS AND PILINGS**— When located within water hazards or within/or around bunkers, retaining walls and pilings are integral parts of the course. When railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoin cart paths, they are deemed to be part of the Obstruction.
16. **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS**- (Appendix I) In effect and includes any temporary construction for the competition.
17. **TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREENS**— On the putting green, in addition of Rule 16-1c, the player may repair turf plugs of any size.
18. **LANDSCAPED AREAS**— No free relief. Players DO NOT receive free relief from pine straw areas that surround trees but are not landscaped with azaleas or roses or the like, including tree rings.
19. **PREFERRED LIES**- (When in effect by the Committee) A ball lying on a closely mown area *through the green* may, without penalty, be moved or may be lifted, cleaned and placed within one clublength of where it originally lay, but not nearer the hole and not in a hazard or on a putting green. A player may move or place his ball once and after the ball has been so moved or placed, it is in play.
20. **SIGNING AND RETURNING OF SCORECARD**— (Rule 6-6b) After completion of the round, the competitor should check his score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the committee. He/she shall ensure that the marker has signed the card, countersign the card himself and return it to the Committee as soon as possible.
21. **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PLAYER**— Under Rule 6-1, the player is responsible for acquainting himself/herself with the conditions under which the competition is to be played.
22. **RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION**— When all scores have been posted on the Official Scoreboard and approved by the PGA Rules Committee, the result of the competition shall be deemed to have been officially announced.