



Bay Area Pinseekers Golf Club – LOCAL RULES IN EFFECT

Bay Area Pinseekers Golf Club tournament play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and the current Decisions on the Rules of Golf and, where applicable, the following Local Rules and Conditions, along with additional Local Rules as may be supplied. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the current USGA Rules of Golf. Unless otherwise specified, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is two strokes in stroke play and loss of hole in match play.

DRESS CODE: PLAYERS and CADDIES must be properly attired both on the golf course and on the premises of the club. Blue jeans, designer jeans, T-shirts and tank tops are prohibited. Golf shirts must be worn and shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh (no jean shorts). This dress code will be used at all tournaments in conjunction with any additional dress code restrictions of the particular golf course involved, that prohibit cargo pants. A player or caddie violating this dress code will not be permitted to start the competition. A violation of this dress code by either a player or a caddie during the stipulated round must be rectified without undue delay or the player will not be allowed to continue to play or the caddie will not be allowed to perform the acts of a caddie.

SERIOUS BREACH OF ETIQUETTE: The use of abusive language, throwing of clubs or other disruptive behavior, contrary to the good conduct of the tournament, will not be tolerated. Further disciplinary action may be imposed, including suspension from future events. **PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION (Rule 33-7)**

FOR ALL COMPETITIONS: The Bay Area Pinseekers reserves the right to adjust a player's handicap or decline his entry based upon previous performances in tournament events.

GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEMS AND HAND HELD RANGE FINDERS.

Distance-Measuring Devices: a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Area defined by white lines and/or stakes are deemed ground under repair. French drains are deemed to be ground under repair (Rule 25-1).

SODDED AREAS: Through the green, seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are deemed to be ground under repair. However, interference by a seam with the player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under Rule 25-1. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 25-1. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam.

CADDIES: Caddies will be allowed in Match Play events with 3 days' notice to the opposing player. (See specific event rules for more details.)

AERATION HOLES: Through the green, a ball, which comes to rest in or on an aeration hole, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay, but not nearer to the hole. **On the putting green,** a ball, which comes to rest in or on an aeration hole, may be placed without penalty at the nearest spot to where it originally lay not nearer to the hole.

RELIEF FOR EMBEDDED BALL: Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I- Rule 25-2 provides relief, without penalty, for a ball embedded in its own pitch mark in any **closely mown area** through the green in effect. Note this is for closely mown areas not balls in the rough or bunkers. Ball may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it originally lay, but no closer to the hole.

PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES AND CABLES: If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable on the course, the stroke must be cancelled and replayed, without penalty (See Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

STAKED TREES: Players are allowed a free drop, if staked tree (immovable obstruction – Rule 24-2) is in the line of swing (i.e., if the players swing would be likely to damage or kill the tree). Damage by the ball in flight is not an acceptable reason for this rule to be in effect. Drop shall be taken no closer to the hole and such that the player's swing will no longer impact the tree.

DROP AREAS: Players are allowed to utilize predetermined drop areas as long as they are clearly marked or shown on the back of the scorecard.

STONES IN BUNKERS: Stones are, by definition, loose impediments and, when a player's ball is in a hazard, a stone lying in or touching the hazard may not be touched or moved (Rule 13-4). However, stones in bunkers may represent a danger to players and they may interfere with the proper playing of the game. A player may take relief, without penalty, from a moveable obstruction. If the ball moves, directly attributable to the removal of the obstruction, it must be replaced to its original position.

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF BALL ON PUTTING SURFACE: When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is NO penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. Replace the ball back to its original position.