

# Sequoia Woods Women's Golf Club

## Local Rules

Effective January 1, 2017

**Policy:** As provided by USGA Rule 33-8a, the following Local Rules are in effect:

1. **Hole 6 – Immovable Obstruction** – The flower beds near the tee and the green are immovable obstructions (Rule 24-2 applies).
2. **Hole 11- Ball Played Provisionally** – If there is doubt whether a ball is in the water hazard to the right of the cart path, the player may play another ball provisionally under any of the applicable options in Rule 26-1. If the original ball is found outside of the water hazard, the player must continue with it. If the original ball is found in the water hazard, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue with the ball played provisionally. If the original ball is not found or identified within the five-minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.  
**Penalty for Breach:** Match Play – Loss of hole; Stroke Play – Two strokes
3. **Hole 13 - Immovable Obstruction** – The area to the left of the fairway marked with blue paint is an immovable obstruction (Rule 24-2 applies).
4. **Protection of Young Trees** – If a staked tree interferes with a player's stance or area of intended swing, the ball must be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with Rule 24-2b (Immovable Obstruction).  
**Penalty for Breach:** Match Play – Loss of hole; Stroke Play – Two strokes
5. **Relief for Embedded Ball** – Through the green, a ball 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 not nearer the hole. When dropped, the ball must first strike a part of the course through the green.  
**Penalty for Breach:** Match Play – Loss of hole; Stroke Play – Two strokes
6. **Preferred lies** – Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> and continuing through April 30<sup>th</sup> each year, through the green, a ball may be lifted, without penalty, and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. The ball must be placed within six inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green. This local rule may be in effect on additional days at the sole discretion of the Tournament Chair.  
**Penalty for Breach:** Match Play – Loss of hole; Stroke Play – Two strokes
7. **Stones in Bunkers** – Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).
8. **Distance-Measuring Devices** – A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If during a round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (such as gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is used.

9. **Fence defining Out of Bounds adjacent to the maintenance facility on Hole 6** – As an additional option under Rule 28 for a ball that comes to rest within 2 club lengths of the fence and is declared unplayable, the player may drop a ball under penalty of one stroke on the nearest “Dropping Zone” located near the fence area.
  
10. **Ball accidentally moved on putting green** – Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows: 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, her partner, her 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 its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.