



LOCAL RULES

2026/2027

OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18)

- The Clubhouse and the area surrounding the Golf Shop is Out of Bounds. The boundary for this area is the outer wall of the garden and the brick wall between the 1st Tee and the Clubhouse.
- Catalina Club has **NOT** adopted the model local rule for relief for Out of Bounds or Lost Ball. If a ball is lost or Out of Bounds, the player must take Stroke and Distance relief by adding 1 penalty stroke and playing from where the previous stroke was made.

PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17)

- **5th Hole.** When playing the 5th hole from the Blue-Plate Teeing complex, a player whose ball is known or virtually certain to have finished in the Penalty Area may proceed under Rule 17, or as an additional option for one penalty stroke, use the Drop Zone provided on the left hand side of the Penalty Area, on the green side of the Penalty Area. **NOTE** the use of the drop zone does not apply when playing from any other tee set.
- **17th & 24th Holes.** Any ball hit into the Penalty area from a Tee or prior to crossing the Penalty Area – When a ball from the teeing ground is known or virtually certain to have finished in the penalty area the player may proceed under **Rule 17**, or as an additional option for one penalty stroke, use the Drop Zone provided on the green side of the Penalty Area. **NOTE** The Drop Zone is marked with a Blue Post and/or painted blue zone. The Ball must be dropped within 2 club lengths of the post, no nearer the hole.
- **14th and 23rd Holes.** If a ball enters the Penalty Area adjacent to the green on holes 14 & 23, and it is not possible to drop a ball within 2 club lengths of the point where the ball crossed the margin of the Penalty Area, that is not nearer the hole than that point, the player may proceed under **Rule 17**, or as an additional option for one penalty stroke, use the Drop Zone provided. **NOTE** The Drop Zone is marked with a Blue Post and/or painted blue zone. The Ball must be dropped within 2 club lengths of the post, no nearer the hole.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (Rule 16) Relief may be taken from the following:

Ground Under Repair:

- Clearly defined wheel ruts in the General Area as well as formed Cart Paths.
- Areas of damage caused by the removal of trees in the General Area.
- Core holes in the General Area or on the putting green.
- Areas of damage in Bunkers caused by Kangaroos. (Rule 16.1c).

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- Exposed Tree Roots in parts of the General Area on or within 2 Club Lengths of the surface cut to fairway height or less (Fairway and Green surrounds). (Rule 16.1b). **NOTE** Interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance.
- Areas of bare earth on fairways & greens, not including divots

Immovable Obstructions:

- Garden Beds and Regeneration Areas (Areas defined by a Green Stake).
- If a ball lies in the Garden Bed behind or to the left of the 5th Green, relief may be taken. If relief is taken, the ball **must** be dropped in the Drop Zone signified by the Blue Post. Ball must be dropped within 2 club lengths of the post, no nearer the hole.
- Any artificial structure including 100m & 150m posts, Rubbish Bins, Sand Bins, Safety Fences, Toilet Blocks, Signage - relief may be taken from area of intended Swing and Stance only

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (e.g. sprinkler heads) CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS – Line of Play interference

- Rule 16.1b applies to immovable obstructions close to putting greens. In addition to the types of interference described in Rule 16.1a, interference also exists if an immovable obstruction is: on the player's line of play and is within two club-lengths of the putting green, and is within two club-lengths of the ball. (Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.)

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION

- Any Temporary Protective Fencing may be treated as a Temporary Immovable Obstruction. Swing, Stance and Line of Sight relief may be taken. Relief taken to nearest point of full relief, no nearer the hole.

PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES

- Trees or shrubs that are under 2 Clublengths in height are no play zones and are ground under repair (the GUR includes any stakes and/or protective guards. Relief **MUST** be taken in accordance with 16.1b).

**UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF
A LOCAL RULE IS THE GENERAL PENALTY:**

Stroke Play - Two Strokes | Match Play - Loss of Hole