

2026 LPGA AMATEURS GOLF ASSOCIATION Sacramento Chapter Local Rules (Hard Card)

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and by the following Local Rules and Conditions. Any Model Local Rules referenced can be found in Section 8 of the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective Jan. 2023.

MAXIMUM SCORE – STROKE PLAY ONLY (RULE 21.2): As provided in Rule 21.2, the Committee has set the maximum score for a hole to 10 for all players. A hole is completed when the player holes out, chooses not to do so or when her score has reached the maximum.

All penalties that apply in stroke play apply in Maximum Score, **except** that a player who breaches any of the following four Rules is not disqualified, but gets the **maximum score** for the hole where the breach happened:

- Failure to hole out under Rule 3.3c,
- Failure to correct mistake of playing from outside the teeing area in starting a hole (see Rule 6.1b(2)),
- Failure to correct mistake of playing a wrong ball (see Rule 6.3c),
- Failure to correct mistake of playing from a wrong place when there is a serious breach (see Rule 14.7b).

If the player breaches any other Rule with a penalty of disqualification, the player is disqualified. After applying any penalty strokes, the player's score for a hole cannot exceed the maximum score set by the Committee.

ONLY WHEN AUTHORIZED FOR USE BY THE COMMITTEE:

PREFERRED LIES (Model Local Rule E-3): When a player's ball is in the general area, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball within 6 inches from the original location, no closer to the hole. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

ADDITIONAL RELIEF OPTION FOR LOST BALL OR BALL OUT OF BOUNDS (Model Local Rule E-5): When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.

For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in **this relief area (see following page)**:

Two Estimated Reference Points:

(a) Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have:

- Come to rest on the course, or
- Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds

(b) Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between:

- A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line).

But with these limits:

- Must be in the general area, and
- Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

- The original ball is no longer in play and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (Rule 6.3b)

But the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under the penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3).

A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

(NOTE: Diagrams of relief procedure are on following page.)

Diagrams for ADDITIONAL RELIEF OPTION FOR LOST BALL OR BALL OUT OF BOUNDS (Model Local Rule E-5)

