

OUR LOCAL RULES

Las Ramblas is a unique Golf Course and in itself creates difficulty in adhering to normal R&A rules. With this in mind the committee have introduced these Local Rules to help SPEED up play and AVOID any unnecessary disagreements between players.

1. If you think your ball may have gone into a barranca, play a provisional ball from the same position as your previous shot. However on the 4th hole and the 7th hole (to save time) you can walk forward to the barranca (4) or the red stake tee box (7) and play a ball (potentially under penalty of ONE shot) prior to searching for your ball down below (4) or on the fairway (7). REMEMBER, if you find your original ball it becomes the ball in play and this other "time saving" ball cannot be played.
2. On the 4th hole if your ball is up against the boulders or the safety ropes at the end of the first stretch of fairway and these obstacles are interfering with your stance or swing, as long as you are NOT in the hazard you may take a free drop, usual rules, full relief and you may drop as far back as is safe in line with the flag stick.
3. On the 7th if you drive your ball into the barranca from the men's teeing ground you can take a drop anywhere on the teeing ground below as defined by the Ladies Red Post.
4. On any hole where it is difficult to see a BALL cross a HAZARD BOUNDARY (5th, 11th, 15th, 16th holes) YOU MUST PLAY A PROVISIONAL BALL. If you cannot find your first ball, YOU MUST PLAY the provisional ball.
5. On any hole where it is agreed on the TEE where a ball has crossed a HAZARD Boundary, normal rules apply.
6. On the 10th hole, if the wire "Safety Fence" [on right hand side] interferes with your swing, you can take a free drop. Take full relief from the fence and then drop within 1 club length, not nearer the hole. If you hit your Tee Shot towards the GUR and Out of Bounds on the Left of the 10th hole, you should play a provisional ball from the tee. The gardens on the left are out of bounds, but balls lying within bounds but obstructed by the mesh fence are entitled to relief, no nearer the hole, one club length.
7. The wall around the hillside on the 3rd is deemed an immovable obstruction, if it interferes with your stance or swing from the path, you can take full relief and drop within 1 club length. If you are on top of the wall or if the wall interferes with your swing, you may take full relief and drop within 1 club length (on the hillside).
8. STORM and WATER DAMAGE: You can take relief from DAMAGE caused to the course by water. Confirm with your playing partner wherever it may be on the course EXCEPT in a Water Hazard; take the nearest point of relief and then one club length, not nearer the hole.
9. The electric unit surrounded by fencing on the right hand side of the 3rd and the water pumps on the 9th and 16th and ANY Fixed tee markers are deemed as immovable obstructions. You can take full relief and then drop within 1 club length. You do not get line of sight!!

10. If your ball comes to rest on any path on the golf course you are entitled to relief. Find the nearest point of relief which gives full relief from the path and drop within one club length, not nearer the hole. If the nearest point would cause you to drop the ball in a hazard then drop the ball on the other side of the path or play the ball as it lies.

11. Hole 9. If your tee shot goes into the lake, use the designated dropping zone under penalty of one shot. Second shot – if your ball goes into the lake then player takes penalty drop in accordance with the rules of golf and not by playing from the above mentioned dropping zone.

12. 15th and 5th Holes – the area of semi rough to the right of the 15th fairway between the trees and the area to the left of the 5th fairway in front of the barranca may be declared lift and place zones by the committee at certain times of the season due to the terrain becoming heavily divoted/damaged. The exact extent of these zones and time duration of the allowance will be decided by the committee and announced to players.

13. In competitions where Men play off the Ladies tees (Red) their playing handicaps will be recalculated using an adjusted COURSE RATING of 70 with a slope of 130 (as per the score card).

14. Preferred lies are allowed throughout the course on all FAIRWAYS. Mark your ball and take 6" (15cms) positional relief. If you do not mark your ball you incur a penalty of ONE stroke.

15. The Count Back to be employed when players or team scores are identical is: The Back 9 holes (10-18), back 6 holes (13-18), back 3 holes (16-18), hole 18 and finally the lowest exact handicap(s). If this count back does not yield the winner, the result will then be determined by the "toss of a coin". The back 9 is always defined by holes 10 through 18 on the scorecard irrespective of which order the golf course is played.

16. The drainage area (hole) in the barranca on the 13th hole adjacent to and on the right of the commencement of the fairway has been declared a "no play area" within the penalty area and you are entitled to take relief within the normal rules - nearest point of relief (including stance) and then one club length, no penalty.

17. 17th hole

The area between the buggy path and the OB wall on the right hand side from the ladies tee to the green are GUR. If you find your ball in this area, lift and drop without penalty, on the other side of the path, no nearer the hole.

18. 18th hole

The area between the buggy path and the concrete wall at the bottom of the hill is GUR. Lift and drop without penalty no nearer the hole on the other side of the path.

THINGS TO REMEMBER / BEAR IN MIND:

If your ball is in the semi rough or rough and you need to identify it, the ball may be lifted without penalty. Before lifting you **must** announce to your fellow competitor that you need to identify the ball, and mark the position of the ball. You may then lift and identify the ball as yours provided you have given your fellow competitor the opportunity to observe the lifting and correct replacement of the ball. The ball must not be cleaned beyond the extent necessary for identification. Failure to observe this procedure incurs a penalty of ONE stroke. **It is not acceptable to have to lift your ball to identify it every time you are in the rough!**

A plugged ball embedded in its own pitch mark, MAY be marked, lifted, cleaned and dropped no nearer the hole (except in a penalty area).

It is recommended in the interests of speed of play that players take no more than 40 seconds to hit a shot. Players are encouraged to implement "ready golf" rather than waiting until it is their turn to hit.

PLAYERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SCORE CARDS, PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY ARE FILLED IN CORRECTLY BEFORE SUBMITTING. ENSURE YOU HAVE CHECKED THE CARD FOR: PLAYERS NAME, GROSS SCORE, HANDICAP, DATE, COMPETITION TITLE AND THE PLAYERS SIGNATURE AND THE MARKERS SIGNATURE. IN A TEAM COMPETITION THE MARKER'S SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED AS WELL AS THE NAMES, DATE AND ALL PLAYERS HANDICAPS.

ALWAYS ENDEAVOUR TO PLAY TO THE (R & A) RULES OF GOLF 2019 EDITION IF YOU CAN'T AGREE ABOUT A RULE, THEN PLAY 2 BALLS FOR THE HOLE IN QUESTION, AND THEN ASK FOR A RULING BEFORE SUBMITTING THE CARD.

FINALLY, LET US ALL TRY AND ENJOY THIS BEAUTIFUL GAME AND REMEMBER HOW FORTUNATE AND PRIVILEGED WE ALL ARE!!!