

# SAWGA LOCAL RULES

## 2024

The SAWGA Board has established a limited number of Local Rules that will be in effect for all SAWGA Tournaments. Please know that the following Local Rules only apply to SAWGA Tournaments. Be mindful that other venues may have different Local Rules.

### E-3 Preferred Lies

“Lift, Clean and Place” will be in effect ONLY at the discretion of the Tournament Committee for a particular tournament. This option is available only in the fairway. You may mark your ball, lift it, clean it, and place it within one club length of your mark no closer to the hole.

### E-4 Relief from Aeration Holes

Relief from aeration holes is only available in the fairway or on the putting green. You may mark your ball, clean it, and drop it in the fairway (as near your mark as possible) or place it on the green (as near your mark as possible). If your ball comes to rest in another aeration hole in the fairway, repeat the process. Note: you cannot repair aeration holes on the green.

### E-5 Ball Lost or Out-of-Bounds

On any struck ball that you think is lost or out-of-bounds (OB), you are allowed to look for it. If not found, or found OB, you may play your next shot directly across from the location you deem your ball was lost or OB by measuring two club lengths from the edge of the fairway no closer to the hole. This option requires you to take a two-stroke penalty. If you had chosen to hit a “provisional ball” from the spot of your original shot, then E-5 is no longer an option. E-5 is also not an option if your ball is in a penalty area.

### F-5 Immovable Obstructions – Sprinkler Head Near the Green

You may have free relief from a sprinkler head near the green if you wish to putt rather than chip your ball. The following conditions must all apply.

1. The sprinkler head must be in your line of play.
2. The sprinkler head must be within two club lengths of the putting surface.
3. Your ball must be within two club lengths of the sprinkler head.

You take relief by finding the nearest point of relief from the sprinkler head, and then drop the ball within one club length of that point no closer to the hole. You may not remove sand and loose soil from your line of play on the fringe. You may clean sand and loose soil from the green.

### G-8 Prohibiting or Restricting Use of Audio Devices

Use of audio devices is prohibited if any member of the player’s group objects to it. Golf-related audio devices are not allowed.

### Unmarked Ground under Repair (GUR)

Santa Ana Golf Club has implemented a “no mark” policy for the golf course. Therefore, a local GUR rule is in effect for SAWGA events. The GUR Local Rule only pertains to areas in the fairway. If you believe your ball has come to rest in an area of the fairway that is GUR, you may ask your playing partners for relief. If all players do not agree, or your playing partners do not grant relief, but you are sure you should get relief, then proceed as follows:

- Take a picture of the situation.
- Play two balls.
- Report to the Tournament Committee once you have completed the round.

The Committee and/or a Club Professional shall make a ruling.

**Note: The GUR rule is not in effect on a marked course.**