

RULES & GREENS



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I know... you “new guys” are saying “I didn’t know the club had a newsletter!” Then there are the members who have been around for a while saying “Oh great ... not this again!”

It has been a while since our former president and golf mentor Mitch Anderson has done one of these. He always did a great job informing us of rules interpretations and club announcements. His newsletters are all on the website by the way. Now I have been appointed the rules chairman on the board... I guess we’ll learn together as we go.

“2 – 2 Rule”

The first announcement is that our board has adopted the local rule informally known as the 2 – 2 rule.

The short version: If your ball is within 2 club lengths of a sprinkler head (obstruction) which is also within 2 club lengths of the edge of the green AND your line to the pin is thru the sprinkler you may have relief no closer to the pin. If your ball is in the rough it can’t be moved to the collar or the green.

For the long version you can google “Model Local Rule F-5.1”

Range Finders on the course

Did you know that you may be breaking a rule using your range finder on the course?

That’s right. Everyone wants to get that distance to hole correct... under rule 4.3a you can certainly use your range finder (DMD) to find the distance to the pin, but you cannot use the slope function. That is considered a skill essential to the challenge of the game.

SO be sure when playing to not turn on the slope function. We all want to have the same advantages.

4.3(a) ...a player must not create a potential advantage by:

- Using equipment (other than a club or a ball) that artificially eliminates or reduces the need for a skill or judgment that is essential to the challenge of the game

That’s it till next time,

Remember it’s your golf course, fix 2 or 3 extra divots and pick up a few pieces of trash as you go.

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