



IRONOAKS LOCAL GOLF RULES

1. **Distance Measuring Devices**, conforming to the Rules of Golf, are permitted.
2. **Out of Bounds** is defined by the homeowner's property line, white stakes, any vehicular road, or permanent fencing. A ball crossing a road but coming to rest on another part of the golf course is still out of bounds.
3. **Water Hazards** All lakes are lateral water hazards. The margin of the hazard is the water side of the perimeter cement curb or wooden barrier. The cement curbs and wooden piles are immovable obstructions.
4. **River Rock Areas** located next to cart paths and in desert areas are drainage features and are played as immovable obstructions. You **must** take free relief from these areas.
5. **Immovable Obstructions** If stance or swing is impaired by an obstruction such as an irrigation box, restroom or the walled pump station on Palms 8, free relief is available. Free line of sight relief is **not** available.
6. **Greenside Sprinklers** Free relief is available from intervention by immovable obstructions (e.g. sprinkler heads, drain grates or valve box covers) within two club-lengths of the green when the ball lies off the green, but not in a hazard, and is within two club-lengths of the obstruction.
7. **Rocks in Bunkers** are loose impediments and may be removed before playing a shot.
8. **Embedded Balls** through the green may be lifted, cleaned and dropped no nearer the hole.
9. **Drop Areas** If a ball comes to rest in a water hazard on a hole with a designated drop area, you may drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the drop area. Holes with drop areas are: Lakes 2, Lakes 3, Palms 7, Palms 8, Sonoran 3, Ironwood 10 and Ironwood 15.
10. **Staked Trees** If stance or swing is impaired by a staked tree, free relief is available.
11. **Wildlife Control Fencing** If stance or swing is impaired by fencing lining a lake, free relief is available.
12. **Irrigation Trenching** which has not yet recovered is ground under repair.
13. **Practice Rounds** are permitted between rounds of a stroke-play competition.

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14. **Provisional Shots** are permitted when a ball may be lost in a water hazard.
15. **Palms #7** A ball which comes to rest next to the Out of Bounds wall behind the green, and is unplayable, may be dropped, under penalty of one stroke, in the designated ball drop area. This drop area may not be used for balls in the water.
16. **Lakes #3** If a ball comes to rest on the cart path directly behind the green, you may take free relief using the designated drop area.
17. **Ironwood #17** Free relief is available from the large rock drainage area located behind the green. You must find the ball to obtain relief. Proceed to the designated drop area. If you do not find your golf ball, you must proceed under the lost ball rule.

FOR A MORE ENJOYABLE ROUND

1. **Play ready golf** This means be ready to play when it's your turn. If you're too often not ready, you need to speed up your routines.
2. **On the tee** Be ready to play as soon as the fairway is clear.
3. **Shorter hitters** should hit first.
4. **Watch the shots** of your partners so you can help locating the ball
5. **In the fairway** If you are able to hit, and you are not in the way of other golfers, play away.
6. **In your cart** drop your partner off at their ball, and proceed to yours.
7. **Take extra clubs** with you so you don't have to return to your cart.
8. **Line up your putt** while others are putting.
9. **Putt out** whenever possible.
10. **Put the flagstick** down gently so as not to damage the reflectors at the top.
11. **First one in the hole** takes care of the flagstick.
12. **When you leave the green** get in your cart, drive to the next tee and record your scores there.
13. **Do not retrieve extra balls from the water** if you would be holding up the group behind you.
14. **Balls out of bounds on homeowner's property** must be abandoned.
15. **Leave the course better than you found it** Rake bunkers, fill divots, repair ball marks.