

**2012 SFPGA  
GOLFPASS RULES  
OF PLAY**

Play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf & Decisions and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Definitions subject to changes or amendments by the SOUTH FLORIDA PGA GOLFPASS Organizing Staff. Appendix I refers to the Appendix of Local rules of the USGA Rules of Golf.

Unless otherwise specified, penalty for breach of a Local Rule in Stroke Play is two strokes (maximum four strokes).

- 1) **PACE OF PLAY:** All groups **MUST** stay in site of the group ahead at **ALL** times (Rule 6-7, Page 29), giving each group **15 minutes per hole**.
- 2) **WATER HAZARDS and LATERAL WATER HAZARDS – (Rule 26, Page 72.)** Water hazards are defined by yellow lines; Lateral water hazards are defined by red lines.
- 3) **OUT OF BOUNDS – Rule 27.**
  - a. Defined by inside points of white stakes at ground level.
  - b. When out of bounds is defined by a white line on the ground, clearly labeled OB, the line itself is out of bounds.
  - a. Defined by the inside edge of all vehicular roadways. A ball that crosses the road and comes to rest on another part of the course is still considered out of bounds.
  - b. Defined by all perimeter fencing.
- 4) **DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE OR RULING:** See Rule 3-3, Pages 20-21.
- 5) **EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN:** See Appendix I, Page 98.
- 6) **TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREENS:** Turf plugs of any size on putting greens have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired as prescribed in Rule 16-1c, page 48. (Aerification holes must not be repaired).
- 7) **DANGEROUS SITUATIONS:** Rattlesnakes, bees or fire ants: Proceed under Decision 1-4/10, page 22 of the 2010-11 USGA Rules of Golf and Decisions Book.
- 8) **STAKED TREES:** If the lie of the ball, stance and/or area of intended swing is affected by a stake on a tree, treat the stake as an immovable obstruction. (Relief is not from the tree, only the stake.)
- 9) **ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS (Ground Under Repair) – Rule 25, page 68.** Enclosed white lined areas define ground under repair. Other areas considered GUR even though unmarked:
  - a. Areas encircled by white lines.
  - b. French drains are exposed trenches filled with rock or stone.
- 10) **INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE:**
  - a. Wrappings, wires, cables, and other objects when closely attached to trees.
  - b. Artificial walls and/or pilings when located within water hazards and used to define the margin of bunkers.
- 11) **ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS;  
WHITE LINES:**

White lined areas tying to artificially surfaced roads and paths are part of the obstruction and thus not Ground Under Repair.

- 12) **CONDUCT:** Entries are subject to rejection at any time including during the competition by the SFPGA. The reason of rejection may be unbecoming conduct (club throwing, use of abusive language, etc.).

13) **DANGEROUS WEATHER CONDITIONS**

One long blast of a siren means that a dangerous situation (ie. Lightning, severe storm, etc.) is in the area, and players are **STRONGLY ADVISED TO DISCONTINUE PLAY** until the situation has cleared. Even in the event that a siren has not been used, players are advised that if lightning is seen in the area to **DISCONTINUE PLAY IMMEDIATELY** and seek shelter until the situation is clear. Detailed weather policy located on the front of the rules sheet.

- 14) **TIES:** All ties for the gift certificate prizes will be broken via scorecard playoff from hole #18 backwards.

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