

LOCAL SOLERA GOLF CLUB RULES

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Solera Golf Club at Oak Valley hereby adopts the following local rules for all members to follow during any club competition with the exception of the Club Championships as noted:

In all cases a request for relief must be made to an opponent and be granted by the opponent before any relief shall be granted. When playing a four-man team game, or there is no opponent in the pairing, then another party in the pairing must grant the relief.

1. Relief may be granted for any putt within ten feet of the green when interfered with by a sprinkler or other maintenance object. Relief shall be one club length from the “closest point of relief” not closer to the pin. The ball must be dropped unless it fails to remain in the relief area at which time it must be placed on the spot on which it was dropped.
2. Relief may be granted for any ball ending up in an unrepaired divot only when playing under preferred lies or winter rules. An announcement prior to each game shall be made stating whether the game is being played under winter rules. Relief shall be one club length from the “closest point of relief” not closer to the pin. The ball must be dropped unless it fails to remain in the relief area at which time it must be placed on the spot on which it was dropped.
3. Relief may be granted when the ball ends in ground under repair. Because courses do not mark ground under repair in the usual course of play, relief for ground under repair may be granted by an opponent, or other party in the pairing if there are no opponents, when the ground under repair is not marked as so. Relief shall be one club length from the “closest point of relief” not closer to the pin. The ball must be dropped unless it fails to remain in the relief area at which time it must be placed on the spot on which it was dropped. Proceed under Rule 16.1.
4. In order to prevent injury to our golfers, relief may be granted when any tree root would interfere with the golfer’s striking of the ball. Relief shall be one club length from the “closest point of relief” not closer to the pin. The ball must be dropped unless it fails to remain in the relief area at which time it must be placed on the spot on which it was dropped. Proceed under Rule 16.1.
5. Rule 16.1 also may be invoked for abnormal conditions on the putting surface, i.e. standing water, damage due to other players or maintenance, dead or uneven surface. Proceed under Rule 16.1.
6. In stroke play in Club Championships all putts shall be putted out. In the Match Play Club Championship it is left to the discretion of the opponent whether to give a putt or not. **In all other club play any putt within one foot of the cup may be given to the player by a fellow competitor, but not a teammate, as if he had made the putt. Except as stated in Match Play, ALL PUTS TO BE GIVEN MUST BE WITHIN ONE FOOT of the cup.**
7. In all gross and net total stroke games and in the Club Championships all strokes on a hole must be counted and the hole shall be played until the player makes the putt. **In all other Club events, the player may pick up after he makes a quadruple bogie and the player shall then enter the score as a quadruple bogie followed by an “x”. When the scores are entered into the Scoring Program the scorer shall enter the score as a quadruple bogie. In team games and Skins games an “x” eliminates that player from competing for that hole.**
8. If a ball is lost in the area of play or is hit out of bounds, then the player may elect, prior to hitting a provisional shot, to drop in the fairway within two club lengths of the edge of the fairway directly across from where he believes the ball ended up if lost in bounds, or where it crossed the out of bounds line if out of bounds. Said drop incurs a two stroke penalty. If the player hits a provisional shot he may no longer elect to drop but instead must play the provisional. This rule is adopted only for weekly play and not the annual club championship.
9. **Except in Match Play, Solera Golf Club at Oak Valley plays Ready Golf. There is no penalty for playing out of turn.**