

54 US Canadian Firefighters Golf Tournament

Official Tournament Rules

Mission Inn Resort & Club – El Campeón Course



This information supplements the USGA RULES OF GOLF

PACE OF PLAY: for each round will be 4 hours and 45 minutes. There will be “1 warning” for pace of play violation. Each group is responsible for monitoring their own pace of play. To avoid penalty, your group should be within **15 minutes** of the group ahead.

NOTE: If unable to finish in the pace of play time, we will go to the double bogey rule.

Local Rules

Out of Bounds is defined by a combination of white stakes, white lines, black split rail fence posts and concrete edging. On hole #17, near the hotel walkway, where the hazard line abuts the concrete bulkhead, OB begins at the water’s edge on the far margin of the water hazard. A ball is in-bounds if it is in the water; a ball is OB if it rests on or beyond the concrete edge.

Lost Ball: Stroke Penalty where ball presumed lost.

Ground Under Repair: Any area circled by white lines, ant piles, bare areas, tree roots and any tire track areas. Free drop one club length no closer to hole from nearest point of relief.

Ornamental Flower Beds: *No areas* of the course are considered ornamental; thus no free relief is given. Should your ball land in a flower bed you may play it as it lies or take an unplayable with the penalty.

Loose Impediments: Moss growing in trees is **NOT** a loose impediment. Moss which has fallen to the ground is a loose impediment and may be removed.

Dangerous Situations: Players are reminded to exercise extreme caution if they encounter fire ant hills, snakes and/or alligators. Fire ant hills are deemed to be ground under repair. Relief without penalty is available under Decision 1-4/10 for other dangerous situations that interfere with play.

Immovable Obstructions: Sprinkler heads on putting greens are Immovable Obstructions. If a player’s ball lies on the putting green, interference also occurs if the obstruction intervenes on the line of putt. Relief is available under 25-2b(iii).

Water Hazards:

Dropping Zones: If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the water hazard, it will be treated as lateral water hazards; DZ's are located on Holes 8,15, 16 & 17 drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke in these Dropping Zones.

Causal Water: Free relief no penalty, 1 club length no closer to hole from nearest point of relief.

Relief from embedded ball: A ball embedded in its own pitch mark, through the green, may be lifted, cleaned, and dropped without penalty as near as possible to the spot it lay but no closer to the hole.

Integral Parts of the Course: The stone retaining wall near # 5 green as well as the retaining walls on #16 is deemed to be an integral part of the course.

Bunker Stairs : Free relief is given from the stairs in the bunker on #16.

Stones in bunkers: Are declared as movable obstructions and will be allowed to be removed. "No Penalty incurred"

SCORE CARDS: Score cards must be returned into the Tournament Committee Designee, immediately after completion of play and or individual play. Must be turned into the scoring area by the clubhouse. Score Cards must be filled out completely and ledge able "added" and **must have 2 signatures.**

REMINDER:

When in DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE (Rule 3-3): If a competitor is doubtful of his/her rights or the correct procedure during play of a hole he/she may, without penalty, complete the hole with a second ball. The competitor MUST report the facts of the situation to the Tournament Committee and Head Golf Pro before turning in there scorecard. If he/she fails to do so, he/she is DISQUALIFIED. NOTE: The final ruling will be made by the Head Golf Pro and Host Committee.

REMINDER PLAY-OFF: A play-off for Individual and 2 person teams, will be done by matching cards starting at highest handicap hole on final day. 4 person Team Champion "Master, Senior Master will begin on hole #1 El Campeon and #1 Bella Collina, immediately following completion of play. **It is the responsibility of the player(s) to be present for any play-off.**

All Golf Course Rulings the Decisions will be Made by Head Golf Pro and Host Committee and they are Final.