

River Ridge Men's Golf Club Policies and Local Rules for Tournament Play
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1. **Local Rule Measuring Devices:** A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance, if the device has additional functions that measure other things that affect play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.) any such additional functions must be disabled. Competitors are required to share accurate distance information with fellow competitors upon request.

2. **Local Rule Immovable Obstructions Close to the Putting Green:** Rule 24-2 provides relief, without penalty, from interference by an immovable obstruction, but also provides that, except on the putting green, intervention on the line of play is not, of itself, interference under this Rule. ... "Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2. In addition, if a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows:
The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted. Relief under this Local Rule is also available if the player's ball lies on the putting green and an immovable obstruction within two club-lengths of the putting green intervenes on his line of putt. . .

3. **Are gimmes or conceded allowed in Club play?** No, gimmes or conceded putts are not allowed in Club stroke play events. In match play conceded putts and holes are allowed.

4. **What is the Pace of Play requirement?** All tournament participants are subject to the pace of play rules established by the Golf Course. "The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player must not unduly delay play." (Rule 6.7). Also see club Pace of Play Policy.

5. **How Many Tournaments Can a Guest Play?** Guests are limited to two (2) tournaments a calendar year.

6. **What is the Tournament Entry Fee for Members who are exempt from the Course Green Fees?** Members who receive green fees as compensation from the Golf course or are otherwise exempt from paying the course green fees are required to pay the prize fund and any additional fees above the green fees (i.e. entry fee for the SCGA Qualifier).

7. **How many Tournaments are required to qualify for the Club Championship?** A member must play in three (3) home tournaments in the 12 months immediately preceding the Club Championship.

8. **What if I make a hole in one during Tournament Play?** The Club provides hole-in-one insurance for play during a home Tournament. The hole-in-one insurance is limited to club members. The maximum insurance provided is \$200.

9. **Can I use XXX-out balls or balls marked practice in Club events?** Yes, subject to the provisions of the Rules of Golf Rule 5 and decision 5-1/4.

10. **Should I post my score in the bi-monthly Club events?** No, the Tournament Committee will post scores for our regularly scheduled Club events.