

USGA RULES GOVERN PLAY  
**LOCAL RULES**

1. **CART PATHS** – Artificially surfaced paths, within a water hazard, are deemed to be immovable obstructions. No relief may be taken.
2. **WALK UP PATHS** – If a ball lies on a man made walking path near the green a player may take free relief no nearer to the hole.
3. **OUT OF BOUNDS** – Defined by white stakes or lines, boundary curbs, or fences.
4. **WATER HAZARDS** – Red stakes denote lateral hazards. Yellow stakes denote water hazards.
5. **YARDAGE MARKERS** – All markings on sprinkler heads denote yardage to middle of green.
6. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO THE PUTTING GREEN** – Relief from an immovable obstruction is permitted when obstruction lies within two club-lengths of the putting green and the ball lies within two club-lengths of the immovable obstruction and there is intervention on the line of play between the ball and the hole.
7. **EMBEDDED BALL** – Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground, other than a Hazard, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay, not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike part of the course through the green.
8. A golf ball that travels beyond an out of bounds boundary, and comes to rest on another part of the golf course, is deemed to be out of bounds.
9. **STONES IN BUNKERS** – are deemed to be moveable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

**General Golf Rules:**

1. Practice is not allowed on the golf course. The practice range and the practice putting greens should be used for all practice.
2. If a group fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than 1 clear hole on the group ahead, the marshals will give 2 warnings before asking the group to leave the golf course. The course marshals have full authority on the golf course to enforce all rules and speed of play.
3. Players who stop after any hole for any reason may not delay the following foursome and are expected to give way in order to maintain continuity of play.
4. Appropriate golf attire is required for all players:

Men: Shirts with collars and sleeves and slacks or golf shorts are considered appropriate attire. Tank tops, tee shirts, fishnet tops, cut-offs, sweat pants, blue jeans, bathing suits, tennis shorts or other athletic shorts are not permitted.

Women: Dresses, skirts, slacks, golf shorts and blouses are considered appropriate attire. Halter tops, tee shirts, fishnet tops, bathing suits, sweat pants, blue jeans, tennis dresses, athletic shorts or cut-offs are not permitted.

Shoes: Appropriate golf shoes are required on the golf course. Use of shoes other than golf shoes must be approved by the golf shop.

5. "Course closed" and "hole closed" signs are to be adhered to without exception.

**PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES CONCERNING GOLF ETIQUETTE:**

**SPEED OF PLAY** – 18 holes should be played in 4 hours. Marshals will enforce the speed of play.

**CART PATHS** – Please utilize cart paths from tee to green.

**BALL MARKS** – Please repair your ball mark and at least one other on the green.

**GOLF CART RENTAL**

Golf cart fees are \$20 plus tax per person. Golf Carts must be obtained from the golf shop on a daily basis. Each operator of a golf cart must be at least sixteen (16) years of age and have a valid automobile driver's license. Only two persons and two sets of golf clubs are permitted per golf cart. Walking privileges are for Members only and will not be permitted in tournament play.

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

1. Failure to check in and register thirty (30) minutes prior to a reserved starting time may cause cancellation or set back.

This policy will be in effect every year during high season - October 1 through April 30.

When rains prevail and cause termination of play:

1. A credit for that day's appropriate fees may be granted, as determined from time to time by the Company.

2. Credit will only be issued on that day of play and it will be the sole responsibility of the player to apply for a credit from the starter in the golf shop.

**GUEST POLICY**

Members may bring the same guest a maximum of 6 times per year

**GAINEY RANCH IS CONSERVING WATER, OUR GOLF COURSE IS IRRIGATED WITH NON-POTABLE RECLAIMED WATER. PLEASE DO NOT DRINK IRRIGATION WATER.**

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