

Stonecreek Men's Club Local Rules As of: 1 April 2024

Stonecreek Mens Club (SCMC) General Approach

Part A: General SCMC Rules across all courses.

- SCMC Rules approach - Play USGA rules, except for the following local rules:
- If a ball rests in a fairway divot and is verified by another player, it may be moved within one club length no closer to the hole and is dropped. Ball in rough area divots may not be moved.
- If ball rests on "bare ground" while in the fairway, free drop closest relief.
- As a mercy rule, you may quit a hole after 9 strokes and record 10 as score for hole.
- If a sprinkler head is within two club lengths of the putting surface, and your ball is within two club lengths of the sprinklers and they are "in your line of play" then you may drop closest relief, one club length.
- General rules: Search limit 3 minutes – ball is in bounds if any part of ball is in bounds –There is no relief without penalty when a ball comes to rest against or near an out of bounds stake or boundary but is still in bounds. It may be played as it lies or relief is permitted as an unplayable lie – one stroke. Note: Out of bounds stakes may not be moved to provide relief but yellow or red stakes marking penalty areas are movable obstructions.
- Unusual Situation: If facing a Unusual Situation, before lifting your ball, consensus of playing partners will be gained for relief (or no relief) A ball coming to rest in a bunker that lies in an abnormal condition (in a footprint, animal print/digging, rake gouge, tractor track), the player may place his ball no closer to the pin within the bunker onto a normal (smoothed or raked) area.
- Note: Free drop from rotating sprinklers (and standing water), drop no closer to the hole, nearest relief.
- A 2 stroke penalty may be taken for a lost ball or OB by dropping the ball near where it is suspected of being lost or going out of bounds. (stroke and distance) Players may still hit a provisional ball (from the original hit location) if they suspect such a condition exists with a 1 stroke penalty. However, if no provisional ball is played and the ball is lost or OB, there is a 2 stroke penalty. If a provisional ball is played, you no longer have the option of the two stroke penalty and the provisional ball is in play unless you find and can play the original ball.
- If a ball rests in a set of tree roots – [the intention of this rule is that you not injury yourself.] you may drop "closest relief" no penalty, after you gain agreement with playing partner. If in hazard, normal rules apply – hit it or take the one stroke penalty approach.

In addition, the following further explanation of USGA golf are shown for our four main courses for 2024. Stonecreek – GCU – Cave Creek & Falcon Dunes

"Please refer to the established course scorecard for already identified local rules.

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Part B-1 - Stonecreek: Specific explanations

- The creek shall be played as a penalty area. The hazard is designated with red stakes or line. If not staked or lined, the hazard begins where the grass turf ends and the creek edge begins. Once your ball is no longer on the grass turf, your ball is considered in the hazard.
- On # 3 the area right of the cart path is part of the hazard.
- On # 7 the creek starts at the cart path.
- On # 13, on the left off the tee, with trees (big roots) and a French drain, there is a free drop – water flow obvious and big roots – no injury.
- On # 14, free drop from drainage square hole, if identify your ball.
- You may play the ball out of the creek without a penalty or with a one stroke penalty take relief (per rule **17.1d Relief for Ball in Penalty Area**) from the point where the ball entered the penalty area (hazard).
- Stonecreek Bunkers: Unless otherwise stipulated by Tournament Director; all bunkers are in play.

Out of Bounds Situations

- Out of bounds hole by hole situations:
 1. All concrete fences around the perimeter of the golf course are considered out of bounds. On holes 8, 9, 10, 15 and 16, the inside edge of the pedestrian walking path is out of bounds. Note: no free drops from out-of-bounds designations
 2. On 11, the out of bounds begins with the right edge (golf course side) of the walking path then it follows the fence toward the health club building. The out of bounds in the area where there is a gap between the building and the fence is an imaginary line directly between them. Past the health club building the block fence becomes the out of bounds until it ties back into the walking path along Tatum Blvd.
 3. The range is out of bounds on holes 2 and 3. Hole 2 – OB begins at the fence line by the tee box and continues toward each range fence. The Eastern edge of each range fence (painted white) marks the OB. This continues to the last range fence. From there, the OB follows the west edge of the cart path to the inside edge (South edge) of the cart path that runs along the practice green. The cart path that runs along the putting green and the range (east to west) is considered out of bounds. Continuing that cart path and turning towards hole 3 OB is cart path edge towards 3 tee. the OB then continues along the driving range and is marked OB by the white stakes left of the bunker.
 4. On 6 the out of bounds runs from the edge of the fence of the tennis/pickle ball courts to the white stakes in front of the parking lot. The street behind the green is out of bounds. You may move your ball out of the French drain left of the cart path no closer to the hole without a penalty.

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Part B-2 – Grand Canyon Golf Course Specific explanations

- Cart paths, yardage markers, irrigation boxes and staked trees shall be played as immovable obstructions with free relief. Fences around large boxes (assumed irrigation or weather station) are just for human protection so assume man made and take free relief (1 club length, no closer to hole) (18 on left shortly past tee grounds and #5 tong right/#10 long right)
- Penalty areas are defined by red or yellow stakes.
- Hole 13 will have a drop zone to the right of the cart path past the lake (if not visible, make it so, just right of cart path, flat ground two club length circle). Point of interest: **you may NOT drop on the far side of the lake** – even if it hits on the green and rolls all the way back into the lake – reason – it is a yellow hazard line (yellow stakes). If it was red, you could play it on other side – GCU hole #13's play is: re-tee, drop on near side, or in drop zone.
- All permanent fences (perimeter fencing, interior range fence, and maintenance yard fence) are out of bounds (as stated on scorecard) – play it as it lays or 1 stroke for relief if it is still in bounds - if over fence (or thru) it is OB and follow new rules, straight to fairway, lying shot plus two.
- Temporary fences on hole 5, 8 and 9 provide free relief.

Part B -3– Cave Creek Golf Course Specific explanations

- Cart paths, yardage markers, irrigation boxes and staked trees shall be played as immovable obstructions with free relief.
- Penalty areas are defined by red or yellow stakes.

Part B-4 – Falcon Dunes Specific explanations

- Penalty areas are defined by red stakes and/or lines
- Out-of-bounds are defined by boundary fence or white OB stakes
- Free drop from all staked trees
- River Rock boulders adjacent to the paved cart paths are part of the cart path (thus free drop)
- Gravel service roads bordered by river rock, and the river rock, are obstructions.
- Stones in bunker are movable obstructions
- Holes 12 & 13 – OB is defined by White Stakes bordering the concrete canal
- The retaining wall in the greenside bunker on hole 14 is an obstruction. Player may take relief from interference, no penalty, but must drop in the bunker, no nearer the hole
- Practice range and golf cart staging areas are OB.