

Two Rivers Golf Club Rules

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1. Two Rivers Golf Club (TRGC) follows the United States Golf Association (USGA) Rules of Golf. It is the member's responsibility to know the USGA rules. The rules can be modified by the Tournament Director when warranted, such as course conditions, local course rules or club rules.
2. Local Club Rule - Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball (LB) or Ball Out of Bounds (OB) to improve pace of play on the course. The Two Rivers Golf Club has adopted this rule as suggested by the USGA.
 - * When a provisional ball **has not been played**, the player has the option of taking stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is either; 1) out of bounds or 2) cannot be found. The purpose of this Local Rule is to provide an extra relief option that allows a player to continue play without returning to the location of the previous stroke.
 - * For a ball that is known to be out of bounds the player must take a drop in the nearest spot of the fairway parallel to the area where the ball is believed to have gone OB, the new ball will be dropped within two club-lengths of the edge of the fairway, no closer to the hole than where the ball crossed the OB line, with a two-stroke penalty. This means that the relief is comparable to what could have been achieved if the player had taken the standard stroke-and-distance relief from the original spot of play (eg: had a provisional ball been played).
 - * For a LB in an area that is not OB and not in a "penalty area" (typically red staked lateral penalty area) the player will apply the same process as above, namely player must take a drop in the nearest spot of the fairway parallel to the area where the ball is believed to have been lost, the new ball will be dropped within two club lengths of the edge of the fairway, no closer to the hole than where the LB is believed to be, with a two stroke penalty.
 - * This Local Rule cannot be used for an unplayable ball, or for a ball that is known or virtually certain to be in a **penalty area** (red staked or water hazard). If a provisional ball is played and neither the original ball nor the provisional ball can be found, then the Local Rule may be also applied for the lost provisional ball.
 - * Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule, the original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played even if it is later found.
3. Rain Cancellation: The course has control over canceling a tournament. If the course cancels the event, the tournament director and the course will negotiate to reschedule a new date to play the canceled tournament or arrange a refund of entry fees.
4. If a player cancels out of playing in a tournament ten days or less before a tournament, the Tournament Director will attempt to obtain the player's tournament fees from the golf course. However, the player will not receive a refund for the tournament prize fund fee, which will have already been included into the calculation of the prize fund.
5. The Northern California Golf Association (NCGA), uses the 2020 World Handicap System from the USGA, which updates handicaps on daily basis.

TRGC will use the handicap from five days prior to the tournament as the official handicap for tournament course handicaps.

6. Annually, TRGC will honor the most improved male and female golfer. Members need to play in 2/3rds (66%) of the annual tournaments to qualify for The Most Improved Golfer (MIG). For example, if TRGC conducts 12 tournaments, a player must play in 8 tournaments to be eligible to win the MIG. In years where there are fewer tournaments, the 2/3rd calculation will still be in effect (e.g. – 9 events, must play in 6 to be eligible to win the MIG). The winners will receive a \$ 25.00 prize and a certificate.
7. The TRGC Hole in One (HIO) prize fund is \$ 250.00 for each HIO (irrespective of how many occur in a tournament). ..A maximum of up to 4 Hole in One prizes, a cumulative \$1,000 (4 x \$250), will be awarded per club year (January 1 – December 31).
8. Par three prizes: there will be a \$15.00 prize for closest to the hole for all par threes. If any hole does not have a winner the money for that hole will remain in the TRGC prize fund.
9. Posting scores: TRGC's Handicap Chairperson, or their designated assistant, will post scores for all regularly scheduled tournaments, NCGA Qualifiers, and the Club Championship.
10. Club Championship: Members must play in a minimum of four (4) tournaments within the past 12 months (365 days) prior to the Club Championship, or be a member in good standing for at least two years, in order to win the Club Champion event. The officers and board members of TRGC will determine if a member is in good standing.

Prizes for the Club Championship are listed, below (and are subject to change from year to year at the discretion of the officers and directors;

1st Place Low Net	\$100.00
2nd Place Low Net	\$75.00
3rd Place Low Net	\$50.00
4th Place Low Net	\$25.00

Any ties among the top four finishers will combine the prize money and split it between the tied contestants.

Maximum prize fund for the Club Championship is \$ 250.00.

11. NCGA Qualifiers: To play in any of the four (4) NCGA Associate Club Qualifier Tournaments, you must have played in at least four (4) TRGC tournaments the past 12 months (365 days) prior to a club qualifier tournament, or be a member in good standing for at least two (2) years. The officers and board members of TRGC will determine if a member is in good standing.

To play in the Senior Qualifier, you must be 55 years old.

TRGC will pay fifty percent (50%) of NCGA Associate Club Championships fees for those members that qualify through a TRGC Qualifying Tournament. Members will pay the remainder of the NCGA tournament fees.

The player must pay one hundred percent (100%) for all travel, lodging, and food

expenses related to NCGA Championship rounds.

12. New members can join TRGC half way into the TRGC season on or after July 1st for half price of the club fees. Cost is half of the current TRGC fee and the full amount of the NCGA fees.
13. Shotgun Tournament Play: Players who continue to play when they have finished their 18 holes will be disqualified from the tournament and will not receive any prize money.
14. Lou Mucci Trophy Tournament. This event will be conducted during the club's annual Reno golf trip.
 - * Only members are eligible to win the trophy.
 - * Names of all who tied for first place will appear on the trophy.
15. Guest participation: Guests may participate in the Least Putts and Closest-to-the Hole competition but may not participate in the main tournament. Guests will be assigned to a flight according to their current index or, if no index, will be placed in a flight according to their score
16. PACE OF PLAY
 - * If you do not see your ball land OR you are unsure if it is findable or inbounds, hit a provisional ball or use the Local Club Rule described above.
 - * PLAY READY GOLF (you may play out of order as needed to maintain the pace of play, EXCEPT in a Match Play" event.
 - * Stay in contact with the group ahead of you (within one shot, but don't play a shot until the group ahead is safely out of your best result).
 - * Search for any lost ball for up to (or less if you so choose) the maximum time allowed, which is three minutes. The search time starts when you reach the location where the ball is believed to be.
 - * Ask your fellow players to watch your shots so they may help you judge where your shot may have landed, or where ball may be located.
 - * There is no maximum stroke per hole limit. A player must complete the hole with all shots counted. If a player chooses to quit the hole they will be disqualified from the event. They will not be eligible for flight prizes or fewest putts. They are eligible for closest to the pin (par three) prizes.