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# LOCAL RULES – LAGA – Los Altos Golf Course

## Out of Bounds: (Stroke and distance/Or New Local Rule Listed below)

- Parking lot.
- All perimeter fences (Note: Perimeter fences are NOT obstructions).
- Driving range (Note: Fence around driving range is NOT an obstruction.)
- The nine hole executive course in its entirety as defined by white stakes around it.
- The clubhouse and the concrete area around it.
- **Alternate to “stroke and loss of distance penalty”:** When the ball is most likely lost or out of bounds, you may drop anywhere between or behind the point where the ball is most likely to have gone out of bounds or be lost and a point on the fairway within two club lengths of the adjacent rough no nearer the hole. **You must add two penalty strokes to your score.**

## In addition to the above, Out of Bounds on each hole is defined as follows:

### Hole No.

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| 8  | To the left of driving range fence on the left side or left of white stakes between the fence and the lake. |
| 9  | To the left of white stakes on the left side rough & on or beyond the white posts behind the green.         |
| 10 | To right of white stakes along right side rough or left of driving range fence on the left.                 |
| 11 | To the right of white stakes along right side rough.  |
| 12 | To the right of or past the white stakes on the right or behind the green.                                  |
| 17 | To the right of white stakes along right side rough or to the left of white stakes on the left side.        |
| 18 | To the right of white stakes on the right side rough & on or beyond the sidewalk behind the green.          |

## Ball Lost in Pampas Grass Bush

If a player's ball has not been found and it is known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in a pampas grass bush on the course, the player may drop within two club lengths of the bush, no closer to the hole, and add one penalty shot to their score. This is in lieu of the stroke and distance penalty for a lost ball. Exceptions are yardage marker bushes which are obstructions and relief is free as described in next paragraph.

## Obstructions: (Relief: Player may lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. Relief is for stance and swing only, not line of sight.) Refer to Rules 15 & 16 for further details.

- All concrete, asphalt or gravel cart paths, roads or areas. All railroad ties used for landscape purposes.
- All yardage markers including pampas grass bushes & pinon trees, sprinkler heads, sprinkler control boxes, etc., are obstructions and entitle you to free relief as described above.
- Trees and shrubs marked with a ribbon, nursery tag or tree wells filled with bark.
- Exposed tree roots in your own fairway.
- All pump houses, restrooms and buildings within the boundaries of the course.
- Protection screens on left of cart paths on #3 & #18, tee box on #14 & #17, and left of rough on #16.
- Hole #8 and other areas – When a concrete or asphalt cart path is routed within two (2) club lengths of an OB or protection fence, a ball that comes to rest within above specified area may be dropped without penalty on the opposite side of the cart path in accordance with “Ball on Cart Path” rule.
- All flower, plant & rock beds, i.e., left of the #8 green, behind #15 green, & next to the cart barn on #18.
- The practice pitching and putting greens to the left of #18 green.
- Stones in bunkers are loose impediments. (Rule 12.2a applies). Boulders in left rough of hole #14 are considered an integral part of the course and can not be moved.

## Ground Under Repair: (Lift, clean and drop.)

- All areas outlined by officials with white paint or other markings.
- All irrigation, drains and other construction areas on the course that have left the area unplayable, whether marked or unmarked (new sod areas, piles of dirt from excavation, etc.).
- Area next to #14 tee box covered with crusher fine (also known as pea gravel). (Drop area provided, or nearest point of relief or play it as it lies).
- All aerated areas. (May lift, clean and drop not nearer the hole).
- The berm and trash/dump area between the right roughs on #14 and #16 is considered GUR. Ball found in that area may be brought back and dropped within one club length of the GUR (adjacent to the hole being played & no closer to the hole). Ball not found is a lost ball and shall be played according to rules of lost ball.

## Penalty Areas:

The lake on holes #3, #8 and #9 (On 9, short of point where Out of Bounds begins, left of the cart path) are played as Penalty Areas marked in red. The rocked drainage areas are part of the penalty area.