

SARASOTA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB – LOCAL RULES

1. **USGA rules govern all play** except as otherwise modified in the Local Rules.
2. **Out of Bounds:** Defined as the inside edge (course side) of white stakes, perimeter fences, paved roads, curbing, and parking lots. The ground on the homeowners' side of a penalty area is out of bounds.
3. **** Penalty Areas:**** Defined by red stakes. Players may play their ball from a penalty area provided the penalty area is not deemed a "No Play Zone".
4. **"No Play Zones"** within a penalty area are defined by red stakes with green tops. If a player's ball lies within a "No Play Zone", the player may not enter the area to retrieve the ball and must take relief with one stroke penalty.
5. **Wood Bulkheads:** Are deemed to be an integral part of the course and are not within a penalty area, therefore free relief will not be granted.
6. **Drop Zones: Holes 8, 10, & 16:** A player, whose ball comes to rest in a Penalty Area in front of the green may, under the penalty of one stroke, drop a ball in the designated Drop Zone located in front of the Jade tee.
7. **Concrete Cart Paths:** A player may take free relief by dropping a ball within one club length of the nearest point of relief, no nearer to the hole.
8. **LOCAL RULE - Shell Cart Paths:** A player may take free relief by dropping a ball within one club length of the nearest point of relief, no nearer to the hole. However, no relief shall be given if the ball comes to rest on a shell cart path designated with blue stakes, as this area is deemed a waste bunker.
9. **LOCAL RULE - Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green:** Free relief is available when a player's ball and an immovable obstruction lie in a closely mown area, and the immovable obstruction is within two club-lengths of the putting green and is also within two club-lengths of the player's ball, as long as the obstruction lies in line with the player's next shot. To take proper relief, players must drop the ball within one club-length of complete relief.
10. **LOCAL RULE (E-5) - Alternative to stroke and distance for a lost ball or ball out of bounds:** When a player's ball is lost or it is known or virtually certain to be Out of Bounds, as an alternative to stroke and distance, players may operate as follows: **For a penalty of 2 strokes**, players may take relief by dropping a ball anywhere within a relief area. This relief area can be determined by establishing a reference point defined as where the ball may have last come to rest on the course, or where the ball last crossed the course boundary. Using this reference point, players may extend their relief area to the nearest closely mown area (grass cut to fairway height) and take an additional two club-lengths, no nearer to the hole.

Please feel free to call the golf shop at [941-244-9253](tel:941-244-9253) if you have any questions.