

# SHWGC Standing Rules

## USGA Local Rules Adoption

### **Distance Measuring Devices** §

Distance Range finders will be allowed per USGA Rules of Golf (Rule 14-3). Audible distance range finders must be in the mute mode.

### **Stones in the Bunker** §

Stones in **bunkers** are movable **obstructions** (Rule 24-1)

### **Accidental Moving of a Ball on the Green** §§

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

### **Sprinkler Head Relief** §§ Rule 24-2 & Appendix 1

Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green (e.g., Sprinkler Heads)

ALL conditions must be met for relief to be granted:

If a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard, AND the sprinkler head is on or within two club-lengths of the putting surface AND within two club lengths of the ball AND intervenes with the line of play between the ball and the hole, you may take relief as follows:

The ball shall be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids such intervention. and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

Rule 24-2 provides relief, without penalty, from interference by an immovable **obstruction**, but it also provides that, except on the **putting green**, intervention on the **line of play** is not, of itself, interference under this Rule.