

IRONWOOD LOCAL GOLF RULES



1. **Out of Bounds** is defined by the homeowner's property line, white stakes, any vehicular road, or permanent fencing. A ball crossing a road but coming to rest on another part of the golf course is still out of bounds.
2. **Penalty Areas** All lakes are lateral penalty areas. The margin of the hazard is the water side of the perimeter cement curb or wooden barrier. The cement curbs and wooden piles are immoveable obstructions.
3. **Rocks used for beatification or drainage** located next to cart paths and in desert areas are played as immoveable obstructions. You **must** take free relief from these areas.
4. **Immoveable Obstructions** If stance or swing is impaired by an obstruction such as an irrigation box, restroom or the walled pump station free relief is available. Free line of sight relief is **not** available.
5. **Greenside Sprinklers** Free relief is available from intervention by immovable obstructions (e.g. sprinkler heads, drain grates or valve box covers) within two club-lengths of the green when the ball lies off the green, but not in a hazard, and is within two club-lengths of the obstruction.
6. **Lost or Ball Out of Bounds** For a penalty of 2 strokes, a player may drop a ball perpendicular to the point where the ball crossed out of bounds to 2 club lengths into the fairway no closer to the hole.
7. **Drop Areas** If a ball comes to rest in a penalty area on a hole with a designated drop area, you may drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the drop area. Holes with drop areas are: Ironwood 10, 15 & 17.
8. **Staked Trees** If stance or swing is impaired by a staked tree, free relief is available.
9. **Wildlife Control Fencing** If stance or swing is impaired by fencing lining a lake, free relief is available.
10. **Irrigation Trenching** which has not yet recovered is ground under repair.
11. **Practice Rounds** are permitted between rounds of a stroke-play competition conducted by IronOaks sponsored events.

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12. **Ironwood #17** A Drop area is available from the penalty area / drainage area located behind the green. If the group agrees that the ball has entered the area you may proceed to the designated drop area under a penalty of 1 stroke.
13. **Chains and Roped areas:** Free relief is available if your stance or swing is interfered by any rope or chains that have been placed to direct cart traffic. Take relief using the ground under repair procedures. Do not remove rope or chain in process of taking relief.
14. **Bunkers:** A player may take the nearest free relief within the bunker if their stance, ball or swing follow through will bottom out into the Billy Bunker liner.

Recommendations for a fast and enjoyable round!

1. **Play ready golf** This means be ready to play when it's your turn. If you find your group falling behind, you need to speed up your routine.
2. **Shorter hitters** should hit first.
3. **Watch the shots** of your partners so you can help locating the ball
4. **In the fairway** If you are able to hit, and you are not in the way of other golfers, play away.
5. **In your cart** drop your partner off at their ball, and proceed to yours.
6. **Take extra clubs** with you so you don't have to return to your cart.
7. **Line up your putt** while others are putting.
8. **Putt out** whenever possible.
9. **Put the flagstick** down gently so as not to damage the reflectors at the top.
10. **First one in the hole** takes care of the flagstick.
11. **Record your scores at the next tee box.**
12. **Do not retrieve extra balls from the water** if you would be holding up the group behind you.
13. **Balls out of bounds on homeowner's property** must be abandoned.
14. **Leave the course better than you found it** Rake bunkers, fill divots, repair ball marks.
15. **Have fun and enjoy the day and your friends!**

You should have no trouble playing any Oakwood course in less than 3½ hours