



The Golfari Club

“Joe’s Rules”

1. Enjoy yourself and your companions. And have fun.
2. Should you hit a ball into a water hazard, take a penalty stroke and then you may move your ball to a point that gives relief from the water for your next shot. (This could be to the side of the water or across the water so you don’t have to play across it again).
3. Count every stroke. Whiffs count as a stroke. You **MUST** putt out – **NO GIMME PUTTS**.
4. The USGA says we are to play all shots “as they lie”. We allow you to play preferred lies, please keep it to a minimum, and only if you have a horrible lie. If you do improve your lie, pick up the ball, clean it, place the ball within six inches of the original spot (no nearer the hole) and resume play. There is no difference between fairway and rough. Do not “Bump” the ball with your club, if you touch the ball with your club, it is to be counted as a stroke.
5. A provisional ball should be played when a ball could be out-of-bounds or lost. **FOR EXPEDIENCE PURPOSES ONLY** - Should you find that your ball has gone OB or has become lost **AND** you have not hit a provisional ball, you may play a ball from a spot, in play and no nearer the hole, where the ball is found OB or where you feel the ball was lost. Take a two stroke penalty and resume play.
6. Other than these concessions, the USGA rules of golf, especially rules 4, 6, 8 and 16 are very much in effect.
7. The true test of golf is how much you enjoy those friends you have made through the game of golf.
8. Keep up with the group in front of you. Slow play affects the entire Golfari Club.

These “Joe’s Rules” are to refresh your understanding of what Local Rules we allow during our Golfari tournaments only. **When in doubt, use your rule book.**

The Golfari Committee