

## Santa Ana WGA Course Conditions Rulings

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### Landscape Rocks

The SAWGA Committee has deemed the Red Rock adjacent to the on-course restrooms and surrounding area as a movable obstruction. However, because it is virtually impossible to determine how much rock would need to be removed to find the ground underneath, we are deeming it an **Immovable Obstruction**, allowing the nearest free relief from these areas, utilizing Rule 16. However, it is important to remember that NEAREST RELIEF may be to the side of the Obstruction on dirt or near a bush. Your free relief is only from the rocks and does not guarantee that your relief may not be on bare dirt or near a bush, which are normal course conditions. If this happens and you choose to declare an unplayable lie you must assess yourself the one stroke penalty.

If the NEAREST RELIEF takes you to a surrounding cart path, then Rule 16.1 comes into play, resulting in a second form of relief.

### Pond Fishing Lines/Stakes

The fishing line and stakes are inside penalty areas. Rule 15.2 and definition of "Obstruction". All manmade objects (Fishing line and stakes holding those fishing lines) are **Movable Obstructions** and may be moved anywhere on the course including the penalty areas. You cannot take free relief and move your ball from the fishing line in the penalty area. But, if you are able to move the obstructions without causing the ball to move, then you may play the ball as it lies. If when moving these obstructions you cause the ball to move, you are assessed a one stroke penalty

Alternatively, you may remove the ball from the penalty area and take a one stroke penalty to properly drop away from the penalty area.

**As always, if there is a dispute as to how to proceed, you make invoke Rule 20.1.c which allows you to play two balls and review the circumstances with the Rules committee prior to signing your scorecard.**