Ironwood Local Golf Rules

Ironwood Golf Club

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 and free relief is available.
3. **Rocks used for beautification or drainage** located next to cart paths and in desert areas are played at 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 (sprinkler heads, drain grates or valve box) within two-club lengths of the green when the ball lies within two-club lengths of the obstruction.
6. **Lost Ball or Out of Bounds** For a penalty of 2 strokes, a player may drop a ball perpendicular to the point where the ball crossed the 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 1 stroke, in the drop area. Holes with drop areas are Ironwood 10, 15, and 17
8. **Staked Trees** If stance or swing is impaired by the support wires of a staked tree, free relief is available. Line of sight relief is not available.
9. **Wildlife control fencing** If stance or swing is impaired by fencing lining a lake, free relief is available
10. **Practice Rounds** are permitted between rounds of a stroke-play competition conducted by IronOaks sponsored events
11. **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
12. **Chains and Roped areas** Free relief is available if your stance or swing is interfered with by any rope or chains that have been placed to direct cart traffic. Take relief using the ground under repair procedures. Do not remove the rope or chains in process of taking relief.

<u>Recommendations for a fast and enjoyable round!</u>

1. **Play ready golf** This means be ready to play when it is 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 locate their ball
4. **In the fairway** If you can hit, and you are not in the way of the 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 the cart
7. **Line up your putt** when others are putting
8. **Putt out** whenever possible
9. **First on in the hole** take care of the flagstick
10. **Fix all ball marks and another one on the green**
11. **Record your score on the next tee box**
12. **Do not retrieve extra balls from the water** if you are 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 the bunkers, fill divots, fix ball marks
15. **Have fun and enjoy the day with your friends**

You should have no trouble playing Ironwood in less than 3 ½ hours

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