

LOCAL RULES GOVERNING MPMGA COMPETITIONS

OUT OF BOUNDS: Homeowners' property lines, walls, fences, streets and parking lots shall define out-of bounds when white stakes are not present.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: All newly sodded areas, landscaped areas, areas outlined by white lines, staked trees and embedded stones in the turf area are ground-under-repair from which play is prohibited. If a player's ball lies within the area or if it interferes with the player's stance or his intended swing, the player must take relief under rule 25-1.

Cow dung, anthills, and damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by animal hoofs, are to be treated as Ground Under Repair. Relief from damage due to animal hoofs is restricted to lie of ball and area of swing and is not permitted for stance. Rule 25-1 applies.

EMBEDDED BALL: Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground, other than sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. "Through the green" is the whole area of the course except a) the teeing ground and the putting green of the hole being played; and b) all hazards on the course.

PUTTING CUPS COVERS are immovable obstructions. Rule 24-2a and 24-2b(iii) applies. When the ball lies on the putting green the player may lift and place the ball at the nearest point of relief for **line of putt** no closer to the hole. Relief may not be taken for **line of play** when the ball lies off the green.

STONES IN BUNKERS are movable obstructions. Rule 24-1 applies. If the ball moves while removing the stones, it must be replaced, without penalty, providing the movement is directly attributed to the removal of the stones.

FRENCH DRAINS are immovable obstructions. Rule 24-2 applies. The player may lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect their play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

PROVISIONAL BALL ON HOLES WITH LATERAL HAZARD: If there is doubt whether a ball is in or is lost in the lateral water hazard a player may play another ball provisionally under any of the applicable options in Rule 26-1. If the original ball is found outside the water hazard, the player must continue play with it. If the original ball is found in the water hazard, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue with the ball played provisionally under Rule 26-1. If the original ball is not found or identified within the five-minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.

Mountain View: Holes #2, #6, #9, #12, #16, and #17

The Preserve: Holes #5, #6, #8, #10, and #15

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON THE PUTTING 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.

GREENSIDE IRRIGATION HEADS are immovable obstructions. If a ball lies off the putting green and the irrigation head is within two club-lengths of the putting green and is within two club-lengths of the ball and intervenes on the line of play to the hole, the player may take relief as follows: The ball may be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that a) is not nearer the hole and b) avoids intervention and c) is not in a hazard or on the putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

AERATION HOLES: Through the green a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole or "slice" may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole or "slice" may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation. If a player has reason to believe he is entitled to relief from this condition, Decision 20-1/0.7 applies.

BALL DROP AREAS may be used at **Mountain View** on **holes #3, 8, 13, and 15** if a player's ball comes to rest within the lateral water hazard. They are located at the Yellow tee on **holes #3, 13, and 15** and forward of the Yellow tee on **hole #8**. At **The Preserve** there are no ball drop areas available for men's play. A player may NOT use the ball drop areas for balls lost in the desert or out of bounds. A penalty of one stroke must be taken when using the ball drop area.

MOUNTAINVIEW HOLES #7, 8, AND 16: The stone walls surrounding the water hazards on these holes have been defined as immovable obstructions. All of these walls are considered to be within the margin of the hazard.

THE PRESERVE HOLE #17: The ground on the left side of the fairway on hole 17, marked by red stakes or lines, has been defined as a lateral water hazard. All ground and water beyond the defined margin of the hazard is in the hazard.