

**LOCAL RULES** (*this information supplements the Memo to Players and Terms of Competitions for MGA Championships*)

**Out of Bounds:** is defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level of white stakes and fence posts.

Out of bounds is defined as follows: **Hole #1** – tennis court and stakes and fence (left side), **Hole #3** – Internal OB (see below), **Hole #4** – Internal OB (see below), stakes (left side) **Hole #5** – fence (left side and behind green), **Hole #8** – fence (left side and behind green), **Hole #9** – fence (left side), **Hole #10** – fence (left side and behind green), **Hole #15** – stakes and fence (left side and behind green), **Hole #17** – stakes and fence (left side), **Hole #18** – stakes (left side)

**Internal Out of Bounds:**

- **Hole #3** - When playing **Hole #3**, internal out of bounds begins on the outside edge of the bulkheads on **Hole #4**. Any ball that comes to rest beyond the margin of the bulkhead is considered out of bounds.
- **Hole #4** - When playing **Hole #4**, internal out of bounds begins on the outside edge of the bulkheads past the forward tees on **Hole #3**. Any ball that comes to rest beyond the margin of the bulkhead is considered out of bounds.

**Penalty Areas:** When a Penalty Area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a Penalty Area is connected to the Out of Bounds edge, the Penalty Area extends to and coincides with Out of Bounds. Artificial walls and pilings when located in Penalty Areas and Bunkers are Integral Objects. No free relief is available.

**Please Note:** The margins of the following penalty areas are defined using the inside edge of the wooden bulkhead.

- The red penalty area right of, and the red penalty area behind **Hole #3**
- The red penalty area right of **Hole #4**
- The red penalty area at the end of the fairway of **Hole #16**

**General Area:** Waste bunkers are to be treated as general area, players may ground their club and touch the sand without penalty. This includes: **Hole #6** (left side of fairway), **Hole #9** (right side of fairway), **Hole #15** (right side of fairway). *These areas will not have bunker rakes.*

**Dropping Zone(s):**

- **Hole #2** – If a ball is at rest on the cart path left of and behind the green (beginning past the front edge of the putting green), the player may proceed under Rule 16 or as an additional option for free relief, drop a ball in the Dropping Zone behind the green.
- **Hole #3** – If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the red penalty area behind the putting green, the player may as an additional option, drop a ball under penalty of one stroke in the Dropping Zone behind the green. *This Dropping Zone may also be used as an additional option for free relief from the cart path behind the green.*
- **Hole #13** – If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the red penalty area left of and behind the putting green (beginning past the front edge of the putting green), the player may as an additional option, drop a ball under penalty of one stroke in the Dropping Zone behind the green.

**Immovable Obstructions:**

- All artificially-surfaced defined roads and paths include those surfaced with crushed granite, sand, stone or concrete.
- White lined areas tying into roads and paths are considered an extension of the obstruction.
- The Halfway House & On Course Bathrooms, and all Maintenance buildings

**Immovable Obstruction near Putting Green:** Model Local Rule F-5.2 is in effect. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is **on the line of play**, is **on or within two club-lengths of the putting green**, and **within two club-lengths of the ball**. This Local Rule **only applies when both the ball and the obstruction are in part of the general area cut to fairway height or less**. Complete relief must be taken, which includes both physical and line of play interference.

**Ground Under Repair:** Areas marked by white lines are to be treated as ground under repair from which relief without penalty is available. Please consult a Rules Official or play a second ball under Rule 20.1c if there is a question on the status of the area. All flower beds are to be considered GUR, relief is mandatory.

**Integral Parts of the Golf Course:** All bulkheads are considered integral parts of the golf course.

**Replacement of Broken or Significantly Damaged Club:** Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

**Relief from Seams of Cut Turf:** Local Rule as prescribed in section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

**1<sup>st</sup> tee starting area and 18<sup>th</sup> scoring area** are defined by the corners of the MGA tents.

**Final decisions on any disputed points** will be made by Tom Roden (SIC), Charles Weisman (OIC), Adam Russell, Bob Conyers, and Marissa Colvin.

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