
MASTERTON GOLF CLUB
Notice Board Version of Local Rules

LOCAL RULE No 1: STARTING:

Other than for social play, all rounds start from Tees 1 or 9. This rule may be varied if the play is under control of a Starter who has been appointed to that task

Penalty / Relief: Disqualification under Rule 5.3a

LOCAL RULE No 2: OUT OF BOUNDS:

A ball is out of bounds when lying on or beyond the concrete and paving-stone path around the clubhouse; or outside the fence surrounding the course; or lying beyond the timber edging at the foot of the fence to the left of the 18th green.

Penalty / Relief: Rule 18.2b. If a ball is out of bounds, the player must play a ball, under penalty of one stroke, as near as possible to the spot from which the original ball was last played unless the Temporary Local Rule permitting a drop in the adjacent area for a two-stroke penalty has been adopted for that day's play.

LOCAL RULE No 3: ROADS AND PATHS:

A. The lime path behind and beside the 8th Tee is not out of bounds.

Note The hedge immediately behind the 8th Tee and adjacent to the 'Lime Path' IS NOT part of the pathway and there is only 'free' relief for a ball lying in or under the hedge when the Lime Path interferes with the players Stance or Swing.

B. The Old Road that runs across the No 8 fairway and along the western edge of the 9th fairway is Road or Path when it is not marked as part of a Penalty Area or as GUR.

Penalty / Relief: Rule 16: Roads and Paths are defined as Obstructions under the definition of Obstruction and relief options are set out in Rule 16.

LOCAL RULE No 4: TREES and SHRUBS:

The young trees identified by orange stakes/pegs are no play zones: If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f.

Penalty / Relief: General Penalty

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LOCAL RULE No 5: IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS.

The fence above the dam on Hole No 5, the trellis surrounding the practice green and the driving nets near the 7th green are all immovable obstructions. Interference with stance or swing - optional lift and drop without penalty at the nearest point of relief.

LOCAL RULE No 6: ‘LINE OF PLAY’ RELIEF:

Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play, and is:

- On or within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
- Within two club-lengths of the ball.

Exception - No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

LOCAL RULE No 7: POWER LINES AND POLES:

If it is known or virtually certain that a player’s ball hit a power line or tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line during the play of any hole, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made. Rule 14.6

Penalty / Relief: General penalty.

LOCAL RULE No 8: GROUND UNDER REPAIR (GUR):

GUR Includes all areas defined by white lines and/or by GUR signs and/or by blue stakes.

GUR relief options may be used for a ball lying in tractor or implement marks. The relief is an optional lift and drop without penalty at nearest point of complete relief.

The practice bunker located between the 7th and 9th fairways is Ground Under Repair and free relief is available under Rule 16.1b.

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LOCAL RULE NO 9: NO PLAY ZONES:

No Play Zones on the course are designated by Stakes topped with Orange painted bands. A player must not play the ball as it lies within a No Play Zone. Relief must be taken under Rule 16.1f (Free Relief from GUR) or under Rule 17.1d. (One Stroke Penalty in a Penalty Zone). Drop Zones created adjacent to those areas may be used for optional relief.

Penalty / Relief: Failure to take relief, General penalty – Two strokes.

LOCAL RULE No 10: No. 13 HOLE:

- A. Ball lying on path or in the drain below the steps, optional free drop up the bank at the nearest point of complete relief.
 - B. Ball lying on path or in the drain beyond the steps, an optional free drop up the bank at the Drop Zone.
 - C. Ball lying on the bank-face beyond the steps to the right of the path; ball is in play and relief options are available if path or drain interfere with stance or swing.
 - D. Ball in the Penalty Area behind the green, optional use of Drop Zone beside the path for a one-shot penalty.
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LOCAL RULE No 11: No. 14 HOLE:

The path at back of the 14th green between the Orange Stakes extends to the fence. A ball lying on this part of the path; may be played as it lies or lifted and dropped without penalty in the nearest Drop Zone.

LOCAL RULE No 12: No. 18 HOLE:

Ball lying on path between the orange stakes at back of the green including under the shelter, may be played as it lies or lifted and dropped without penalty in the drop zone.

FAIRWAY DISTANCE MARKERS

- BLUE:** 180 metres to centre of green.
- WHITE:** 135 metres to centre of green.
- RED:** 90 metres to centre of green