

MACKAY GOLF CLUB - LOCAL RULES

(To be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf and any Supplementary Local Rules on the day.)



OUT OF BOUNDS

- (a) Those areas beyond the boundary stakes and fences of the course;
- (b) Those areas delineated by lines of white pegs and/or white lines surrounding the clubhouse, car park, buggy sheds and their surrounds and the machinery sheds and their surrounds.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 24)

- (a) Tee markers, course signs, hazard stakes, GUR markers/stakes, pegs and ropes directing players and pine post distance markers (one or two rings) are immovable obstructions;
- (b) Portions and sides of roads/pathways having a prepared "crusher-dust", crushed rock or stone gravel surface are deemed immovable obstructions;
- (c) Bridges and their approaches (ramps) not within a hazard are immovable obstructions.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN

The specimen Local Rule entitled "4a. Obstructions: Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green (eg Sprinkler Heads)" described in Part A: Local Rules of Appendix I of the Rules of Golf is in effect as a Local Rule for this course.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR (GUR) (Rule 25)

- (a) Those areas within the course defined by white lines and/or small stakes painted light blue;
- (b) Defined garden beds with a formed border – play prohibited;
- (c) The concrete base and/or the rocks in the overflow drains across and adjacent to the fairways for holes 1, 2, 3, 10 and 18.

WATER HAZARDS (Rule 26)

- (a) All water hazards on the course are marked and defined by red stakes and/or red lines and are deemed to be Lateral Water Hazards;
- (b) BALL PLAYED PROVISIONALLY UNDER RULE 26.1 - doubt whether a ball is in or is lost in a water hazard – the specimen Local Rule "5. Water Hazards – Playing Ball Provisionally Under Rule 26.1" as described in Appendix I Part A of the rules of Golf is in effect, provided that, if the original ball is not found, it is known or virtually certain that it is in the water hazard.

OVERHEAD WIRES

Should a player's ball strike any overhead power/telephone wires and/or their supports, pylons or attachments, the stroke is cancelled and the player must play a ball without penalty as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

STONES IN BUNKERS

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

STAKED TREES AND/OR SHRUBS

Staked/protected trees and staked/protected shrubs are immovable obstructions. The immovable obstruction includes the shrub/tree, AND the stakes, AND any artificial protective guard. If the immovable obstruction interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the ball MUST be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b (Immovable Obstruction). A wood-chipped or other constructed basin surrounding a tree or shrub that is either staked and/or protected by a tree guard is considered to be a part of the immovable obstruction. The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this Local Rule.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

For all play on this course, unless otherwise prohibited by competition conditions, 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 his play (eg elevation changes, wind speed, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT of a BALL on a PUTTING GREEN

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

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 as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

DISTANCE MARKERS

100 metre and 150 metre ground markers and pine posts distance markers (one ring - 150 metres, 2 rings - 100 metres) are to the green centre.

PRACTICE GROUNDS DEFINED

Practice on any day of competition or between rounds is permitted on these designated practice areas on the course:

- (a) the driving range area between the 3rd and 4th fairways within the line of trees surrounding the area;
- (b) the chipping range between the line of trees bounding the 7th fairway and the out-of-bounds line adjacent to the practice putting green and car park.

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