



MARRICKVILLE GOLF SPORTING AND COMMUNITY CLUB

LOCAL RULES

To be read in conjunction with the rules of golf

PREFERRED LIES:

1. 15cms preferred lie on closely mown areas of the golf course.
2. 15cms preferred lie in the General Area of Hole 3 and Hole 8.
3. 15cms preferred lie in the General Area, for the Ladies, on Hole 4.

OUT OF BOUNDS:

1. Ground beyond boundary fences, including all perimeter fences and walls.
2. Cooks River – defined by steel retaining wall.
3. Area beyond black/white stakes at rear of Hole 13, left side of Hole 14, right of Hole 3, Hole 17, and Hole 18.
4. Clubhouse and greenkeeper compounds.
5. Area beyond black/white stakes at eastern side of visitors' carpark between the golf course and Mahoney Reserve extending behind the 5th, 7th and practice zone tees to the Cooks River.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: (relief provided under Rule 16.1b)

1. All internal wooden guide-posts, guards, chains, roadway railings and marker stakes.
2. Pump house on left side of fairway on Hole 16 (not line of sight).
3. All trees and shrubs under two (2) club lengths in height, and all staked trees and shrubs.
4. Cement, brick, stone, or wooden, tee & ornamental garden supports.

WIRE GUARDS:

If an internal wire guard interferes with a player's stance or the area of the player's intended swing, the ball may be lifted and dropped in accordance with Rule 16.1b.

Exception: External Boundary guards at Hole 3,4,11 and clubhouse side of Hole 18, no relief is permitted. Relief from struts supporting the guards is permitted.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS:

1. Bare patches on closely mown areas of the course.
2. Areas defined by white lines, hoops or stakes.
3. Abnormal Course Condition at the top left of Hole 8 as defined by white stakes. If a ball is known or virtually certain to be lost in this area, then free relief as per Rule 16.1e.
4. Hole 17 - If player's ball comes to rest on the woodchip located on the right-hand side of hole 17, OR against the hessian on the fairway side, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.
5. Hole 4 - If a ball is in the ground under repair including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the ground under repair, the player may: take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone [located near the base of the forward tee and to the right of the path]. The dropping zone is an additional relief area under Rule 14.3.

GARDEN:

Hole 3 – A player’s ball coming to rest in the garden at the rear of the 3rd green, and found, can then take Free Relief as per Rule 16.1b.

TREE ROOT RULE

If a player’s ball is in the General Area and there is interference from exposed tree roots that are in a part of the area cut to fairway height or less or in the rough within one club-length of the edge of the fairway, the tree roots are treated as Ground Under Repair. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b. Interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player’s stance. Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty under Rule 14.7a

ROADWAYS:

A ball found coming to rest on a roadway or worn pathway (i.e. entering or leaving a tee) may be dropped in accordance with Rule 16.1b, this includes the unsealed access roadway along the 17th fairway south of OOB to the clubhouse.

DROPPING ZONES:

Hole 2 and Hole 4 – A ball coming to rest in a garden or on the roadway or carpark at rear of these holes MUST be dropped (without penalty) in nearest Drop Zone. A ball coming to rest in the garden at the rear of Hole 5 must be dropped in the Drop Zone.

Hole 18 – If a player’s ball comes to rest on a roadway or garden, and is FOUND, must be dropped (without penalty) in the Drop Zone located at the rear of the Clubhouse.

POWER POLES AND WIRES:

A ball striking the directional disk/pole behind the 18th green, power poles and/or associated wires within the course must be replayed without penalty.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA:

Hole 9 and Hole 17 – Red with green top marker stakes. Relief (NO PLAY ZONE in Red Penalty Area) must be taken – with penalty.

Note: The player cannot play from this area – Rule 17.1e(1)

Hole 18 - White with green top marker stakes signify NO PLAY ZONE. If a player’s ball is virtually certain to have entered this area, then Free Relief as per Rule 16.1f.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES:

MATCH PLAY – LOSS OF HOLE

STROKE PLAY – TWO (2) STROKES.


RISK WARNING

Recreational activities, including golf, involve a risk of physical harm. Any such harm may result from your actions, but also from the action, omission or negligence from others. Marrickville Golf, Sporting & Community Club Ltd does not warrant the skill or prudence of any player & does not accept liability for injury. Players assume all risks of the game.


Please find below a definition of every marker stake you will find on Marrickville Golf Course.



Aerial view of stacked areas.

Definition	Location
<p>WHITE STAKES Signifies an <i>Abnormal Course Condition</i>.</p> <p>RULE 16 covers free relief that is allowed from interference from an <i>Abnormal Course Condition</i>. <i>Abnormal Course Conditions</i> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal holes • Ground under repair (GUR), • Immovable obstructions, or temporary water. <p>RULE 16 outlines when and how the player may take free relief by playing a ball from a different place, such as when there is interference by the above-mentioned <i>Abnormal Course Conditions</i>.</p> <p>Free relief is generally allowed except in a penalty area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The player normally takes relief by dropping a ball in a relief area based on the nearest point of complete relief. • This rule also covers free relief when a player's ball is embedded in its own pitch mark in the general area. <p>RULE 16.1e covers relief for a Ball Not Found but is known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in or on an <i>Abnormal Course Condition</i>, (GUR).</p>	 <p>White stakes are located on the course as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open drain RHS 1st fairway, • LHS 4th hole, • Garden bed at rear of 5th green • Drain pit RHS 6th hole, • Garden waste stockpile site LHS 8th hole • Native garden RHS 9th hole, • Behind 9th green • Open drainage channel 13th hole

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<p>WHITE STAKES WITH BLACK TOPS Signifies an area of the course classified as <i>Out of Bounds</i>.</p> <p>RULE 18 covers taking relief under penalty of stroke and distance when a ball comes to rest <i>Out of Bounds</i>.</p> <p>Check the Local Rules to find out where there are Out of Bounds.</p>	 <p>White stakes with black tops are located on the course as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native garden RHS 3rd hole from green to 4th tee, • Property border with Mahoney Reserve behind 6th green, 5th tee, 7th tee and practice tee, • LHS of 14th fairway • RHS 17th hole, • RHS 18th hole along clubhouse
<p>RED STAKES WITH GREEN TOPS Signifies an <i>Environmentally Sensitive Area</i>. Relief (No Play Zone in Red Penalty Area) must be taken - with penalty.</p> <p>The player cannot play from this area-RULE 17.1e(1)</p>	 <p>Red stakes with green tops are located on the course as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rain garden 9th and 17th holes
<p>WHITE STAKES WITH GREEN TOPS Signifies an <i>Environmentally Sensitive Area</i>. Relief (No Play Zone in GUR) must be taken - No Penalty.</p> <p>The player cannot play from this area -RULE 16.1f.</p>	 <p>White stakes with green tops are located on the course as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural area behind 18th green

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<p>RED STAKES Signifies a red penalty area. The definition of a ball in a red penalty area and the options available are explained by RULE 17.1.</p>	 <p>Red stakes are located on the course as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pond in practice Area