

Mornington Golf Club

Local Rules

To be read in conjunction with the 'Rules of Golf'

General Matters:

1. **Out of bounds:** fences, roadways, trees, pegs, or lines marked with white paint which enclose the course. The 13th hole garden area and skate park.
2. **Placing:** ball may be cleaned and placed with 30cm from where the ball lies on own fairway.
3. **Embedded ball:** 'through the green' a ball that is embedded in its own pitch mark – may be marked, lifted, cleaned and dropped without penalties as near as possible to the spot where it came to rest.
4. **Immovable obstructions:** all parts of the course watering system, all formed paths, roadways, bridge, drainage covers and sump lids, open/cut drains, noticeboards, staked trees, internal fencing are deemed to be immovable obstructions. Relief 'through the green' is one club length.
5. **Tree Roots:** If a ball lies with interference from exposed tree roots on the fairway or more than 1 club length from the tree, players may get 1 club free relief.
6. **Protection of young trees:** relief from staked trees only.
7. **Bare ground:** relief on own fairway only.
8. **Teeing ground:**
 - (a) a ball coming to rest on any teeing ground must be dropped off.
 - (b) artificial tees must be used.
9. **Ground under repair (GUR):** play from GUR prohibited – a compulsory drop must be taken. Wheel ruts are also to be regarded as GUR.

Individual Holes:

- Hole 1:** Garden area between the green and protective fence relief without penalty.
- Hole 6:** Fence is an immovable obstruction. Play ball as it lies or take free drop at nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole.
- Hole 7:** Reed area (alongside green) is considered a PENALTY AREA and incurs a one shot Penalty.
- Hole 9:** (a) when a player's ball has not been found, or is believed to be out of bounds, the player may proceed with a two-stroke penalty under this local rule rather than proceeding under penalty of stroke and distance. Refer Local Rules Board.
(b) bridge to be deemed as an immovable obstruction.
- Holes 9 & 10:** Trees, scrub and long grass area between the 9th and 10th green is a Hazard area
- Hole 11:** Area marked right front of the green is a Hazard
- Hole 12** (a) Sloping Bank area short and to the right of 12th green is ROUGH.
(b) Roadway is an immovable obstruction. Free drop at nearest point of relief may be taken, not nearer the hole.
(c) Left side of roadway marked by white stakes is OUT OF BOUNDS
- Hole 15** (a) Left side of pathway is Out of Bounds.
(b) Behind the green marked by red stakes is a Penalty Area (which may be played from) or 1 shot penalty at estimated point of entry not nearer the hole.
- Hole 16** Hillside area between pathway and green is classified as Fairway.
- Hole 18** Areas between green & path and green & drain (back of green) classified as Fairway