

EMGC LOCAL RULES

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(To be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf and any temporary local rules.)

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18.2a)

The following areas are out of bounds:

- Beyond any white line and or line of white stakes defining the boundary of the course, or beyond any wall or fence defining the boundary of the course's property.
- The 15th hole – The sloping creek bank between the 2 wire fences left of the teeing ground.
- The 16th hole – The first portion of the fence to the right of the tee up to the raised section is an internal protective fence. The remainder is a boundary fence.
- The 18th hole – Any ball coming to rest to the right of the building line and the left-hand rail of the small foot bridge that has not cleared Scotchman's Creek to the top edge of the sloping bank is OOB.
- For OOB or Lost Ball a player may proceed under "stroke and distance" for a "one stroke penalty".
- For OOB or Lost Ball and a "two stroke penalty" a player may proceed under Model Local Rule E-5 and drop the original ball or another ball in the "relief area" which extends two club lengths past the nearest point on the fairway being played that is "no nearer the hole".

2. PENALTY AREA (Rule 17.1)

- Penalty areas are defined by either Red or Yellow Stakes/Lines
- Gardeners Creek is a Penalty Area at holes 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 17 and 18.
- Scotchman's Creek running across the 9th and 18th holes is a Penalty Area except the area defined as OOB (see above) when playing the 18th hole.

- If there are no stakes, the edge of the rough is the margin of the penalty area. The area beyond all creeks surrounding the course is considered a “No Play Zone” within the Penalty Area and any ball in this area cannot be played (Rule 17.1e).

3. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (Rule 16.1)

- Any area enclosed by white lines, light blue stakes, or signage.
- All new work is regarded as Abnormal Course Condition (drop no penalty).
- Damage to any green, deemed to be caused by vandalism.
- Embedded stones adjacent to roads.
- Exposed tree roots on the fairway only (model local rule F-9). This applies to the “lie of the ball” and “area of intended swing” and does not apply to stance.
- Trees identified by stakes, plastic protection at their base or under two club-lengths in height are considered “No Play Zones” and relief must be taken. The zone is the area which interferes with the ball, the player’s stance, or the area of the intended swing.
- Garden beds are considered “No Play Zones” and relief must be taken. All garden beds are listed below. The planted area to the right of the 14th tee. All other garden beds are adjacent to the teeing ground on 1, 7, 8, 9, 10. Not to extend beyond the teeing ground.
- **No Play Zones – PLAY PROHIBITED, Relief MUST be taken.**

4. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 16.1)

The following items are defined as immovable obstructions:

- All internal protective fences.
- Electrical boxes, sand boxes, rubbish bins, water bubblers, sprinklers, and ball cleaners.
- Staked tree/shrub under two club-lengths in height (Relief must be taken).
- Where a sprinkler head is within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball and intervenes on the line of play, the player may take relief.
- On the 11th 12th, 15th, 16th and 17th holes: if a ball lies inside the two pedestrian fences, drop the ball on the side of the fence closest to the hole being played not nearer the hole (no penalty).

5. MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (RULE 15.2)

- All stakes are movable unless declared immovable.
- Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.

6. PERMANENT POWER POLES AND ELEVATED CABLES

If a ball strikes a power pole or elevated power line or cable, the stroke **MUST** be cancelled and replayed without penalty. If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES

Match - Loss of hole. Stroke play - 2 strokes.

Note: These Rules are valid at the time of printing – for any recent changes refer to the Sub-Committee.