



## Maplewood Men's Club Local Rules

All competitions shall be conducted under the USGA Rules of Golf and Local Rules as noted below.

All *penalty areas* are played as red penalty areas, (Rule 17.1d), and as an additional option, Section 8; Model Rule B-2: player may take relief on the opposite margin of the penalty area equidistant, and not closer to the hole, (1 stroke penalty).

When "Preferred Lies" are in effect please see, "Maplewood Men's Club Preferred Lies."

**Aeration Holes** In the General Area, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and placed, as near as possible to the spot where it lay not nearer the hole. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

The "naturalized areas" are all grass areas that are taller than intended rough cut. The penalty line is defined by the cut of grass. Play these areas as a red penalty area, (Rule 17.1d).

**#1** OB begins with the white stripe located on the curb right of the practice putting green, and runs the entire left side of the hole until the white OB stake is reached on #2 tee. OB is defined by the left edge of the cart path and the left edge of the lower cart path on the upper portion of the hole, (Rule 18.2).

**#1 & #9 Split Rail Fence:** If any player's swing is restricted by the split rail fence while the ball is in play, then free relief may be taken, (Rule 16.1a). If a ball drop is provided it may be used as an additional option.

**#2 & #6** If a ball comes to rest within the margin of the penalty area, proceed under Rule 17.1d. If a ball drop is provided it may be used as an additional option.

**#3 Right Side of Green:** OB starts at the stake on right side of the cart path and is then defined by the outside margin of the cart path ending at the bridge.

**#4** Any ball left of the outside margin of the left cart path between the two red stakes that remains in bounds is considered to be in the penalty area, and the player must proceed under Rule 17.1d.

**#9** Stripes on curb on #1 & #9 in a straight line define OB behind #1 tee & #9 green. The outside margin of the curb defines OB until the stake right of #3 green is reached.

**#7 & #10** Any ball that comes to rest in the general play area between the orange poles may take free relief on the right side of the cart path. **Note: OB on both holes is defined by the cyclone fence.**

**#10 & #13** If a player's ball or stance is within the area defined by blue dots, the player, without penalty, may take relief not nearer the hole. (Rule 16.1) **Note: Line of sight relief is also permitted, not nearer the hole.**

**#11** Parallel hedges to the teeing area are intended as a protective screen and can be played as an Immoveable Obstruction. (Rule 16.1)

**#18** OB is defined by stakes up to the fence then the ground wire of the fence defines OB. The player does not receive free relief from fence, posts or the concrete bases holding the posts.

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