

Maplewood Local Rules

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

When Preferred Lies are in effect see Preferred Lies. (posted on bulletin board and website)

When Bunker Rule is in effect see Bunker Rule. (posted on bulletin board and website)

Out of Bounds (OB): is defined by cart path, parking lot curb, white stakes, and boundary fences. No free relief from interference by OB fence. (Rule 18.2)

- Hole 1: A ball is OB when it is beyond the left edge of the cart path / lower cart path of upper portion of hole
- Hole 3: OB is defined by stakes to right of the green, and edge of cart path behind the green to the bridge. A ball is OB when it is beyond the outside margin of the cart path.
- Hole 9: A ball is OB when it is beyond the curb behind the green.
- Hole 18: OB is defined by stakes up to the fence then the ground cable of the netting/fence defines OB. The posts are boundary objects (the player may not take free relief from interference by the posts).

Penalty Areas: All penalty areas, including naturalized areas, are defined as Red Penalty Areas (Rule 17). The naturalized areas are all grass areas that are taller than intended rough cut. The edge of a naturalized area is defined by the mowing line. MLR (Model Local Rule) B-2.1 is in effect (lateral relief on the opposite margin).

Ground Under Repair and Immovable Obstructions:

- Areas in bunkers where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand are Ground Under Repair.
- Split rail fences are Immovable Obstructions. (Holes 1 & 9)
- Immovable Obstructions on line of play on or close to putting green (e.g. sprinkler heads): MLR F-5 is in effect (allowing relief for line of play intervention when obstruction is on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and ball is within two club-lengths of obstruction).
- French drains and cart-worn or gravel-filled areas adjacent to cart paths are Immovable Obstructions.
- Defined planting areas and protective hedges are Ground Under Repair. (Right of #1 tee, behind #9 green, behind #10 green, #11 tee when playing hole #11, #17 tee)
- Hole 15: The path (not artificially surfaced) on the left side of the fairway ending approximately 280 yards from the putting green is treated as an immovable obstruction.
- Hole 16: The protective fence is an immovable obstruction.

Special Relief Procedures:

- Holes 2 & 6: If a player's ball is in the red penalty area, the player may proceed under Rule 17.1 or as an extra option use the drop zone (for one penalty stroke). (MLR E-1.1)
- Holes 7 & 10: For a ball that remains in bounds and comes to rest on or left of the cart path between the orange-marked poles (holes 7 & 10 - one near teeing area and one near putting green), free relief may be taken on the right side of the cart path. OB on both holes is defined by the cyclone/chain link fence.
- Holes 10 & 13: The area surrounding the 11th tee, defined by 6-inch diameter blue dots embedded in the ground on the 10th and 13th green-sides is Ground Under Repair. If the ball has come to rest within this area while playing hole #10 or #13, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the Ground Under Repair, the player has these relief options: (1) The player may take relief under Rule 16.1, or (2) as an extra option, the player may take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone. (MLR E-1.2)