

MPMGA Hard Card

Local Rules and Conditions of Competitions

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The current rules of the USGA govern play. Complete text of Rules may be found in the current Rules of Golf (<http://www.usga.org/Rule-Books/Rules-of-Golf/Rule-01/>).

Disregard Local Rules printed on Club Scorecards or posted at the course.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is:
Match Play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.

LOCAL RULES

Out of Bounds:

1. Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes, lines and perimeter fence posts.
2. When the inside edge of a paved road or curb defines out of bounds, a ball that is on or beyond the road or curb is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the golf course.

On Course Out of Bounds to the right side of hole #2 applies to hole #2 only. During the play of hole #3, these stakes are immovable obstructions.

3. Landscaping, shrubs and light poles on the course side of hole #16 are to be considered as immovable obstructions.

WATER HAZARDS AND LATERAL WATER HAZARDS: When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Defined by white lines. Other areas of ground under repair, even when not marked, include:

1. French drains (trenches filled with stones or the like)
2. Fire ant hills (Note: For a player whose ball is in a water hazard and is affected by a fire ant hill, see Decision 1-4/10)
3. Washouts or areas of eroded soil.

If you are in doubt about a rule or situation in Stroke Play, play two balls, record both

scores, and the committee will make a final ruling once you have completed play. Non-compliance with this guideline could result in disqualification.

SOD SEAMS: Through the green, sod seams (not the sod itself) are deemed to be ground under repair, and relief is provided under Rule 25-1, if the ball lies in or touches a sod seam or a sod seam interferes with the area of intended swing. All seams within the sodded area are considered the same seam.

OBSTRUCTIONS AND INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE:

1. When located within hazards; artificial walls, pilings, power poles (and support wires attached thereto) are integral parts of the course. Relief is not provided.
2. White lined areas tying into obstructions are part of the obstruction.
3. Stones in bunkers are to be considered as obstructions and may be removed without penalty.
4. The power poles located outside of the hazard on hole #6 are to be considered an obstruction. If a ball strikes the elevated power line, the stroke must be cancelled and replayed, without penalty (see Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.
5. Landscaping stones adjacent to obstructions (i.e., Cart Paths) are considered part of the obstruction.

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN: Through the green, a ball that is imbedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not closer to the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the golf course through the green.

Exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if it is clearly impossible for him to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule.

LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS: Wood chips; pine straw and mulch are loose impediments.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITIONS

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS: Any driver the player carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA.

Exception: A driver with a club head that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS: The ball the player uses must be named on the List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA.

TIME OF STARTING: If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole to be played in Match Play or two strokes in Stroke Play. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION: Optional condition as prescribed in Appendix 1 is in effect. The Committee will notify all groups when play is suspended for a dangerous situation. All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open.

Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in revocation of entry.

Committee: When referenced here, the Committee in charge of the competition shall be comprised of at least two members of the Executive Board and/or Golf Committee.

OFFICIAL EVENT: In all MPMGA events, reverting to an earlier round in the same event may constitute an official event.

Nine holes constitutes an official event provided that the same nine holes have been completed by all of the Members.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION: Scorecards are to be returned to the Committee at the completion of each round. (See Rule 6-6b for signature requirements.) The competition is deemed to have closed when the winner has been announced, or, when all scores have been posted.

Should a player who has signed up for the round but elects not to play based on weather, that player pays no entry fee. If a player elects to start a round then subsequently withdraws from an official event, that player is deemed to have "withdrawn" and forfeits his entry fee.

GUESTS: Guests will be allowed to play in MPMGA Events if space allows. Guests will not be eligible for any of the MPMGA games, including Skins and closest-to-the-pin

competitions.

ETIQUETTE: Any member, who exhibits behavior or conduct deemed by the Executive Committee to be detrimental to the MPMGA, Marcus Pointe Golf Club, The Game of Golf, or fellow competitors, will have their membership terminated. The Executive Committee's decisions in these matters are final.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SATURDAY GAME: Saturday play is open to all Members of the Marcus Pointe Men's Golf Association with established USGA Handicaps. Unless notification is given to the contrary, the cut-off time to sign up for Saturday Play is Friday at 12:00 PM. Members who did not sign up, and their guests, may play on a space available basis. Maximum player handicap is 36.

Saturday Game format is set each week by the MPMGA President or the Marcus Pointe Head Professional. Currently the game format is randomly chosen from 39Points, 36Points or 54Points. A different format may be chosen by the President or Pro.

A minimum entry of 12 players is required for an MPMGA Event.

New MPMGA members who have paid to have their handicaps officially maintained and recorded, but do not have an established USGA handicap, may participate in the closest to the pin competition, Gross skins, and the game using a zero handicap.

A minimum of five recorded rounds are required by the USGA to establish a handicap (does not need to be during an MPMGA event). Handicaps are promulgated by the USGA on the 1st and 15th of each month.

A member's handicap index for Saturday play is determined based on the average of 5 rounds points pulled in the Saturday Game. If a member has not played 5 Saturday rounds, then his index is determined by his GHIN handicap index.

FLIGHTS: All players will be broken, as equally as possible, into two flights for NET and GROSS skin competition based on handicap index. A minimum of 24 players are needed for two flights. In games with less than 24 participants, there will only be one flight.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIAL EVENTS: Players may join at any time during the year, but entry into MPMGA Special Events (Match Play, MPMGA Championship and President's Cup) is limited to members who have played in at least five events.

TEE SELECTION: If you are 70 years old or older, you may elect to play from the Gold tees. If you are 80 years old or older, you may play from the Red tees. Age is the only determining factor for playing a forward tee.

Par 3 Payout – Payout will be determined each week based on the funds collected from those participating in Closest to the Pin divided by the number of Par 3's with a winner. All funds will be disbursed each week, rounded to the nearest dollar (down).