

## MWGA18 Local Rules of Play

MWGA 18 League *Local Rules of Play* apply to all league play days, league tournaments and B Team Matches.

**Staked Trees:** Free drop one club length no closer to the hole, only, if swing is impeded by stake(s) or wire(s).

**Un-staked Trees:** Play the ball as it lies or declare it unplayable. The penalty for an unplayable lie is one stroke. Proceed under Rules of Golf Rule 19.2.

**Bunkers:** Loose impediments in a bunker may be moved as long as the lie is not disturbed.

**Red Stakes:** Lateral Hazards are now called "Penalty Areas". Proceed under Rules of Golf Rule 17.

**Yellow Stakes:** Water Hazards are now called "Penalty Areas". Proceed under Rules of Golf Rule 17.

**White Stakes:** Out of Bounds. If a ball is out of bounds, the player has the option to call a provisional and hit again from the original spot **OR** the player can take a drop in the fairway within two club-lengths from the fairway edge point across from where the ball crossed into out of bounds for a two stroke penalty.

**Lost Ball:** If a ball is lost in a non-penalty area (e.g. high grass right of hole 2 or 3, left and right on 7) may hit a provisional ball **OR** for pace of play, may apply same rule as out of bounds, drop 2 club lengths from edge of fairway across from where lost ball thought to be, 2 stroke penalty.

### **When to Replace Ball that Moves on the Putting Green:**

Rule 13.1d, will revise the procedure for when a ball on the putting green is moved by wind, water or other natural forces, so that it must sometimes be replaced and sometimes be played from its new spot:

- a. If the ball had been lifted and replaced on its original spot before it moved, the ball must always be replaced on its original spot, regardless of what caused it to move.
- b. The ball must be played from its new spot only if the ball had not been lifted and replaced before it moved.

For Pace of Play, maximum score on each hole is double par plus 1. That is 7 on a par 3, 9 on a par 4 and 11 on a par 5. If reach that maximum score, please pick up ball and move on to the next hole.

**Hole #1:** Ditch on the left side of fairway marked by (RED) stakes and lake behind green are penalty areas. Out of bounds are marked with white stakes on the right side of the hole.

**Hole #2:** Lake to the left of tee box and fairway is a penalty area. The ditch crossing the fairway in front of the green is a penalty area. Provisional ball is allowed for pace of play. Player must declare a provisional ball according to the Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA.

**Hole #3:** It will be the player's choice if they want to play from the red tees or blue tees. Ditch in front of the tee box is a penalty area up to the bridge/cart path. If a ball enters the penalty area, the player may proceed to the drop zone, located near the end of the short cut (dirt) cart path and drop a ball no closer to the pin for a one stroke penalty.

**Hole #4:** White stakes on the left of the field and the fairway are out of bounds.

**Hole #5:** Fence & white stakes on right are out of bounds.

**Hole #6:** The fence on the right side of the fairway is out of bounds. Ditch in front of the tee box and next to the cart path is a penalty area.

**Hole #8:** Lake is a penalty area. If a player hits a ball in the lake, she may drop on the other side of the lake 10 yards in from the fence or within 2 club lengths of drop stake no closer to hole if drop area marked, for a one stroke penalty.

**Hole #9:** Ditch on the left is a penalty area. Fence on the right side of fairway is out of bounds. Ditch in front of the green is a penalty area.

**Hole #10:** Any ball hit left of the cart path is out of bounds. White stakes with black tips indicate out of bounds starts at cart path.

**Hole #11:** Lake on the right and behind the green and drainage area to the left of the green are penalty areas. Railroad ties on the left side guarding the drainage area are abnormal course conditions (including immovable obstructions). You may drop within ONE club length, after you take your stance, with NO PENALTY, NO CLOSER TO THE HOLE. (Rule 16-1b).

**HOLE #12:** Lakes on right and left side of fairway are penalty areas. The ditch crossing the fairway in front of the green is a penalty area.

**Hole #13:** Fence on left of fairway is out of bounds. Drainage on the right side of fairway is a penalty area.

**Hole #15:** Ditches on left and behind green are penalty areas.

**Hole #16:** Ditches on the left and right of fairway are penalty areas. Red stakes with black tips indicate penalty area starts at edge of sidewalk. Lake to right and behind green is a penalty area.

**Hole #18:** Left side of hole is marked out of bounds with white stakes. Lake and right side of fairway are marked as a penalty area.

Please feel free to ask a board member for clarification of any of the local rules.