

The following Local Rules apply, until further notice, for all Competitions conducted at McLeod Country Golf Club under the auspices of Golf Australia (and designated competitions conducted by any other accredited committee). Every player is deemed to be conversant with the **FULL** conditions of play for any event (which may amend these Local Rules for that event) as and when displayed on any notice board throughout the clubhouse and/or are available, in a downloadable format, on the club's website. All the words or phrases in *italics* are defined terms of the Rules of Golf whose meaning can be found in Section X - Definitions.

STANDARDS of PLAYER CONDUCT

All players shall abide by the McLeod Country Club Code of Conduct and any penalties for a breach of the code (see [Rule 1.2b](#)). Copies of the Code of Conduct are available in a downloadable format on the club's website.

LOCAL RULES

The following Local Rules, together with any additions or amendments as written from time to time on the **Daily Local Rules Notice Board**, shall apply as follows:

8A Out of Bounds and Course Boundaries

1. Course Boundaries

Course Boundaries are defined as every boundary fence (including structures) or white stakes with black tops along the entire perimeter of the club's property.

4. Internal Out of Bounds

- During play of the 4th hole the left side of fairway, defined by white stakes with black tops, is *out of bounds*.
- During play of the 7th hole the treed area on the left side of fairway, defined by white stakes with black tops, is *out of bounds*.
- During play of the 7th hole the fairway of the 4th hole, defined by blue posts, is *out of bounds*.

These stakes are treated as boundary objects during the play of 4th and 7th hole. For all other holes, they are immovable obstructions.

8B Penalty Areas

3. Provisional Ball for Ball in a Penalty Area on the 15th hole

If a player does not know whether their ball is in the *penalty area*, the player may play a *provisional ball* under [Rule 18.3](#), which is modified in this way:

In playing the *provisional ball*, the player may use the *stroke-and-distance* relief option (see [Rule 17.1d\(1\)](#)), the back-on-the-line relief option (see [Rule 17.1d\(2\)](#)) or, if it is a red *penalty area*, the lateral relief option (see [Rule 17.1d\(3\)](#)). If a dropping zone (see Local Rule 8E-1) is available for this penalty area, the player may also use that relief option.

Once the player has played a *provisional ball* under this Rule, they may not use any further options under [Rule 17.1](#) in relation to the original ball.

In deciding when that *provisional ball* becomes the player's ball in play or if it must or may be abandoned, [Rules 18.3c\(2\)](#) and [18.3c\(3\)](#) apply except that:

- When Original Ball Is found in *Penalty Area* within Three-Minute Search Time the player may choose either to:
 - Continue to play the original ball as it lies in the *penalty area*, in which case the *provisional ball* must not be played. All strokes with that *provisional ball* before it was abandoned (including *strokes* made and any penalty strokes solely from playing that ball) do not count, or
 - Continue to play the *provisional ball* in which case the original ball must not be played.
- When Original Ball Is not found within Three-Minute Search Time or Is *Known or Virtually Certain* to be in the *penalty area*. The *provisional ball* becomes the player's ball in *play*.

8E Special or Required Relief Procedures

1. Dropping Zones

If a ball is in the *penalty area*, including when it is *known or virtually certain* that a ball has not been found came to rest in the *penalty area*, the player has these relief options, each for **one penalty stroke**:

- Take *relief* under [Rule 17.1](#), or
- As an extra option, *drop* the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone (when provided). The dropping zone is a *relief area* under [Rule 14.3](#).

2. Cleaning Ball

When the *course* superintendent and/or the match committee adds "**Lift, Clean and Place**" to the daily local rules and a player's ball lies in the *general area* the ball may be lifted, cleaned, and *replaced* without penalty. The player must *mark* the spot before lifting the ball (see [Rule 14.1](#)) and the ball must be *replaced* on its original spot (see [Rule 14.2](#)).

3. Preferred Lies

When the *course* superintendent and/or the match committee adds "**Preferred Lies**" to the daily local rules and a player's ball lies in the *general area*, the player may take free *relief* once by placing the preferred ball or another ball in and playing it from this *relief area*:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of *Relief Area* measured from Reference Point: 30 cm.
- Limits on Location of *Relief Area*:
 - Must not be nearer the *hole* than the reference point, and
 - Must be in the *general area*.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use procedures for *replacing* a ball under [Rule 14.2b \(2\)](#) and [Rule 14.2e](#).

5. Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds

When a player's ball has not been found or is *known or virtually certain* to be *out of bounds*, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under *stroke and distance*.

For **two penalty strokes**, the player may take *relief* by *dropping* the original ball or another ball in this *relief area* (see [Rule 14.3](#)):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

(a) **Ball Reference Point:** The point where the original ball is estimated to have:

- Come to rest on the *course*, or
- Last crossed the edge of the *course* boundary to go *out of bounds*.

(b) **Fairway Reference Point:** The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point but is not nearer the *hole* than the ball reference point.

8. Defining No Play Zones

- The areas defined by raised garden edging are *no play zones* and are to be treated as an *abnormal course condition*. Free relief must be taken from interference by the *no play zone* under [Rule 16.1f](#).
- The area between the RHS of the 15th cart path and the marked line is a *no play zone* and is to be treated as an *abnormal course condition*. Free relief must be taken from interference by the *no play zone* under [Rule 16.1f](#).

10. Protection of Young Trees

The young trees identified by a stake and/or protective tree guard are *no play zones*:

- If a player's ball lies anywhere on the *course* other than in a *penalty area* and it lies on or touches such a tree identified by a stake or guard, or such a tree interferes with the player's *stance* or area of intended *swing*, the player **MUST** take *relief* under [Rule 16.1f](#).

10a. Protection of Teeing Area

To maintain the quality of the natural grass teeing area and ensuring consistent playing conditions:

- All players **MUST** use the synthetic grass teeing areas provided on the 7th tee;
- Natural grass areas on the 7th tee are not to be used unless specified by the club for a particular competition.

11. Ball Deflected by Power Line

All guy wires and wooden poles supporting protective netting shall be treated as elevated power lines and cables.

If it is *known or virtually certain* that a player's ball hits a guy wire or wooden pole supporting a protective net during the play of the 3rd or 5th holes, the player may choose to play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (see [Rule 14.6](#)), or play the ball as it lies after hitting the guy wires or wooden pole.

8F Abnormal Course Conditions and Integral Objects

1. Defining Abnormal Course Conditions and Integral Objects

- Ground under repair* is defined by any area encircled by a white line.
- Ground under repair* includes bare patches (not sand filled divots) in areas cut to fairway height or less.
- Ground under repair* includes roads, wheel marks and paths (including their approaches) that do not have artificial surfaces and edges.
- Areas in *bunkers* where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand are *ground under repair*.
- Exposed matting in *bunkers* are *immovable obstructions* from which free *relief* (drop) is allowed ([Rule 16.1.c](#)).
- All stakes in the ground on the *course* are *immovable obstructions* from which free *relief* is allowed ([Rule 16.1.b](#)).
- Blue cart direction signs are *movable obstructions* ([Rule 15.2.a](#)).

5. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens

The player may take *relief* under [Rule 16.1b](#) if an *immovable obstruction* is:

- On the *line of play*, and is:
 - Within two *club-lengths* of the *putting green*, and
 - Within two *club-lengths* of the ball.

9. Relief from Tree Roots and Embedded Rocks

If a player's ball is in the *general area* and there is interference from exposed tree roots and/or rocks that are in a part of the *general area*, the tree roots or rocks are treated as *ground under repair*. The player may take free *relief* under [Rule 16.1b](#).

But interference does not exist if the tree roots and rocks only interfere with the player's *stance*.

10. Animal Hoof Damage

Damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by animal hoofs is ground under repair from which free *relief* is allowed under [Rule 16.1](#).

17. All Roads and Paths Treated as Obstructions

All roads and paths, even if not artificially surfaced, on the *course*, including the clubhouse carpark and its artificial surrounds, are treated as *immovable obstructions* from which free *relief* is allowed under [Rule 16.1](#).

19. Edging Grooves Near Putting Greens and Fairways

The edging grooves around the aprons or fringes of *putting greens* and fairways are *ground under repair*. If a player's ball lies in or touches a groove or a groove interferes with the area of intended *swing*. The player may take free *relief* [Rules 16.1\(b\) and \(d\)](#).

20. Concrete Drainage Channels

Concrete drainage channels on the LHS of the 4th and 9th fairways are *immovable obstructions* in the *general area*. A player may take free *relief* under [Rule 16.1b](#).

Drainage channels made of placed rock that run adjacent to cart paths on the 2nd, 11th / 12th and 15th holes are *immovable obstructions* in the *general area* and are part of the cart path. A player may take free *relief* under [Rule 16.1b](#).

8J Procedures for Bad Weather and Suspensions of Play

1. Methods for Stopping and Resuming Play

The immediate suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by **ONE** prolonged sounding of the siren and an SMS message sent to all players on the *course*.

Resumption of play will be signaled by **TWO** short soundings of the siren and an SMS message sent to all players on the *course*. See [Rule 5.7b](#).