



# Murrumbidgee Country Club

## LOCAL RULES

These Local Rules are to be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf. These Local Rules are located on MiScore, MCC Website and printed versions available on Clubhouse and Pro Shop notice boards.

### **1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18)**

Beyond the inside line at ground level of fence posts, white stakes with black tops or a wall.

### **2. Ground Under Repair (Rule 16)**

- (a) All areas defined by white stakes and/or lines
- (b) Cultivated garden beds. A garden bed and any artificially surfaced road or path it is connected to are a single abnormal course condition if taking relief. Note: any small gardens on boundary fences, including the 2nd, 7th and 8th holes, are not GUR, play the ball as lies or take unplayable penalty relief.
- (c) Clearly defined wheel ruts
- (d) Washaways in bunkers and at the edge of bunkers
- (e) Seams of cut turf (but not for interference with stance only)
- (f) Areas within the rough where tree stumps have been ground.

### **3. Penalty Areas (Rule 17) – defined by red stakes, red discs or red lines**

Penalty Area Dropping Zones (Blue/White Dropping Stakes – MLR E-1)

(a) Permanent artificial dropping zones (mats) provide an additional penalty relief option at Holes 5 (near red tee), 6 (rear of green), 8 (forward of the tee) and 9 (near red tee). If a player's ball is in the marked red penalty areas of these holes, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in that penalty area even though not found, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:

- The player may take relief under Rule 17.1, or

- As an extra option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

Please Note: The extra option of the Dropping Zone on the 6<sup>th</sup> Hole only applies to the marked red penalty DIRECTLY behind the 6th green (area in question is defined by red posts left and right of wooden fence, red discs on path and red paint behind green). This Dropping Zone DOES NOT apply to the separate red penalty area down the left hand side of the 6<sup>th</sup> hole.

Please Note: When using a Dropping Zone, a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the Dropping Zone. It does not matter where the player stands when making a stroke from the Dropping Zone. The edges of the artificial mat define the Dropping Zone.

(b) Opposite-side relief: 11th and 12th holes: For the penalty area between the 11th and 12th holes, as an additional option, opposite side lateral relief may be taken for one penalty stroke. (MLR B-2)

#### **4. Immovable Obstructions (free relief from interference - Rule 16.1)**

(a) All Roads and Paths on the course, even if not artificially surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. The obstruction includes any artificial edging.

(b) All white posts with orange tops (caution posts) are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1 if the post interferes with the players stance, swing, or the lie of your ball.

(c) Close to the Putting Green: for a ball in the general area, if the obstruction is on the line of play, and is within 2 club-lengths of the green and within 2 club-lengths of the ball (MLR F-5).

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