

# MEADOW PARK GOLF COURSE

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## LOCAL RULES

### 1. BOUNDARIES AND OBSTRUCTIONS

- A. All course boundary fences and white stakes define **Out Of Bounds**<sup>1</sup>.
- B. The maintenance area to the right of Hole #3 is **Out Of Bounds**.
- C. The grassy area to the right of Hole #9 Green is to be considered **Through the Green**<sup>2</sup>. The driveway to the Clubhouse basement, those grassy areas on each side, and any area past the brick wall and cart path behind the #9 Green is **Out Of Bounds**.
- D. The protective screens on Hole #2, #9, #14, and the Driving Range are **Immoveable Obstructions**<sup>3</sup>.
- E. All construction on the course are **Immoveable Obstructions** to include buildings, internal fences, built-up tee boxes, and the wood ties in bunkers.
- F. The drain on Hole #13 green is an **Immoveable Obstruction**.
- G. All staked trees are considered **Immoveable Obstructions**.

### 2. GROUND UNDER REPAIR

- A. All mole hills and ant hills are deemed to be **Ground under Repair**<sup>4</sup>.
- B. Flower beds marked with white lines are designated **Ground under Repair** and play from them is prohibited.

### 3. HAZARDS

- A. The hazard which bisects Hole #13 and #14 and runs adjacent to Hole #12 is a **Lateral Hazard**<sup>5</sup> (red stakes) for play of Hole #12, and a **Water Hazard**<sup>6</sup> (yellow stakes) for play of Hole #13 and #14.

### 4. EMBEDDED BALL

- A. **Through the Green**, a ball which is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground, other than sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball, when dropped, must first strike a part of the course **Through the Green**.

### 5. AERATION HOLES

- A. **Through the Green**, a ball which comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball, when dropped, must first strike a part of the course **Through the Green**. On the putting green, the player shall place the ball at the nearest spot not nearer the hole, which avoids such situation.

## 6. BUNKER RAKES

- A. Rakes should be placed inside the bunker in a position that provides the least interference with play.

## 7. ADOPTION OF USGA RULES 18-2, 18-3, & 20-1 MODIFICATION

- A. Rules 18-2, 18-3, and 20-1 of the USGA Rules of Golf are modified as follows:
  - i. When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.
  - ii. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.
  - iii. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.
  - iv. If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

NOTE: This Local Rule #7 was introduced, and then adopted by the USGA and The R&A in all of their championships, qualifying competitions, and international matches which went in effect January 1, 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> **Out of Bounds** is beyond the boundaries of the course or any part of the course so marked by the committee.

<sup>2</sup> **Through the Green** is defined as the whole area of the course except: a) the teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played; and b) all hazards on the course.

<sup>3</sup> **Immoveable Obstruction:** An obstruction is a movable obstruction if it may be moved without unreasonable effort, without unduly delaying play and without causing damage. Otherwise, it is an *immoveable obstruction*. Except when the ball is in a water hazard or a lateral water hazard, a player may take relief from interference by an *immoveable obstruction*

<sup>4</sup> **Ground under Repair** is any part of the course so marked by order of the Committee or so declared by its authorized representative. All ground and any grass, bush, tree or other growing thing within the *ground under repair* are part of the *ground under repair*. *Ground under repair* includes material piled for removal and a hole made by a greenkeeper, even if not so marked. Grass cuttings and other material left on the course that have been abandoned and are not intended to be removed are not *ground under repair* unless so marked.

<sup>5</sup> **Lateral Hazard** or (**Lateral Water Hazard**) is a water hazard or that part of a water hazard so situated that it is not possible, or is deemed by the Committee to be impracticable, to drop a ball behind the water hazard in accordance with Rule 26-1b. All ground and water within the margin of a *lateral water hazard* are part of the *lateral water hazard*. That part of a *water hazard* to be played as a *lateral water hazard* must be distinctively marked. Stakes or lines used to define the margin of or identify a *lateral water hazard* must be red.

<sup>6</sup> **Water Hazard** is any sea, lake, pond, river, ditch, surface drainage ditch or other open water course (whether or not containing water) and anything of a similar nature on the course. All ground and water within the margin of a *water hazard* are part of the *water hazard*. Stakes or lines used to define the margin of or identify a *water hazard* must be yellow.

**Replace Divots**

**Repair Ball Marks**

**Rake Bumpers**

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