

MONOOSNOCK COUNTRY CLUB LOCAL RULES - 2016

All play governed by U.S.G.A. Rules of Golf. The Committee has no power to waive a Rule of Golf or waive a penalty imposed by a Rule of Golf. The following local rules are consistent with the policy set forth in the Rules of Golf by the Governing Authority of the U.S.A..

Hole One

1. Out of bounds beyond white stakes on left and rear of green.

Hole Two

1. Out of bounds beyond white stakes on left.

Clarification ~ There is no relief without penalty from the chain link fence.

2. The bark mulch and crushed stone area behind the third tee is *ground under repair* from which play is prohibited. If a player's ball lies in the area, or if it interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the player must take nearest relief no closer to the hole without penalty under Rule 25-1.

Note ~ A player may not deem his ball lost in the brook on the right simply because he thinks the ball may be in the hazard. It must be *known or virtually certain* that the ball is in the brook. If it is not known that the ball is in the water hazard, in order for the player to proceed under Rule 26-1 there must be almost no doubt that the ball is in the hazard. Otherwise, a ball that cannot be found must be considered lost outside the hazard and the player must proceed under Rule 27-1 (Ball Lost). All available evidence must be taken into account in determining whether knowledge or virtual certainty exists, including any testimony and the physical conditions in the area around the brook. For example, if the area around the brook is firm and the grass cut short, there exists greater certainty that the ball is in the hazard.

Hole Three

1. Out of bounds beyond stone wall and white stakes on left.

Hole Four

1. Out of bounds beyond white stakes on left and rear of green beyond the fifth tee area.

Note ~ For the purpose of local rule six (preferred lies, fairway only), there is no grass cut to fairway height on the fourth hole except the apron.

Hole Five

1. Out of bounds on or over road and on or over parking lot.

2. If interference by the hedge behind the green occurs, Rule 28 (ball unplayable) applies. In addition to the options under Rule 28, a ball may be dropped in the nearest Ball Drop under penalty of one stroke. (A striped stake, near the hedge, determines which Ball Drop shall be used.) *Note ~ See local rule 7 for the rules governing ball drops.*

Note ~ The bark mulch around the hedge is declared to be an integral part of the course. There is no free relief from this bark mulch. There are blue stakes with a white stripe separating the bark mulch around the hedge from the bark mulch where free relief is allowed.

3. The bark mulch and crushed stone area behind the sixth tee is *ground under repair* from which play is prohibited. If a player's ball lies in the area, or if it interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the player must take nearest relief no closer to the hole without penalty under Rule 25-1.

Note ~ Any bush or other growing thing within this area is considered to be part of the ground under repair.

Hole Six

1. Out of bounds beyond white stakes on left from the line-up stakes near the old tennis court to the line-up stakes near the second brook.

Note ~ A player may not deem his ball lost in the brook simply because he thinks the ball may be in the hazard. It must be *known or virtually certain* that the ball is in the brook. If it is not known that the ball is in the water hazard, in order for the player to proceed under Rule 26-1 there must be almost no doubt that the ball is in the hazard. Otherwise, a ball that cannot be found must be considered lost outside the hazard and the player must proceed under Rule 27-1 (Ball Lost). All available evidence must be taken into account in determining whether knowledge or virtual certainty exists, including any testimony and the physical conditions in the area around the brook. For example, if the area around the brook is firm and the grass cut short, there exists greater certainty that the ball is in the hazard.

Hole Nine

1. Out of bounds on right beyond white stakes and lines around the practice green and pro shop.

2. Out of bounds on or beyond pavement behind and to the left of the green.

3. The bark mulch area to the left of the green and around the club house is *ground under repair* from which play is prohibited. (Any bush or other growing thing within this area is considered to be part of the *ground under repair*.) If a player's ball lies in the area, or if it interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing the player *must* take nearest relief, no closer to the hole without penalty under Rule 25-1. If interference by the hedge and bushes to the rear of the green occurs, Rule 28 (ball unplayable) applies. In addition to the options under Rule 28, a ball may be dropped in the nearest Ball Drop under penalty on one stroke. (A striped stake, near the hedge, determines which Ball Drop shall be used.) *Note ~ See local rule 7 for the rules governing ball drops. Note ~ The bark mulch around the hedge is declared to be an integral part of the course. There is no free relief from this bark mulch. There are blue stakes with a white stripe separating the bark mulch around the hedge from the bark mulch that is ground under repair.*

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. Suspension of Play During Tournament

When play is suspended because of unplayable conditions or other circumstances the signal for such is:

Discontinue Play Immediately ~ One prolonged note of siren.

Discontinue Play ~ Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.

Resume Play ~ Two short notes of siren, repeated.

2. Scorecards Signed

A score card returned to the committee and not signed by the marker and countersigned by the competitor shall disqualify the competitor. (See Rule 6-6)

In tournaments where a team plays alone, the "B" player shall serve as marker for the "A" player.

In tournaments where two or more teams play together, the "A" players shall exchange scorecards and each shall serve as marker for the other. In individual tournaments such as the Club Championship, each competitor shall exchange cards with a fellow competitor and serve as marker for the other.

3. Referee

The committee appoints our Board of Directors Tournament Committee, as referee. Their decisions are final.

4. Order of Holes in “Shotgun” Tournament

In any “shotgun” tournament the order of holes shall be to play all front nine holes before playing the backside.

Note ~ White tees designate holes one through nine. Blue tees designate holes ten through eighteen

In a one-day double shotgun tournament, if one shotgun is completed and the other is canceled, the shotgun completed shall stand. Players in the canceled shotgun will be refunded their entry fee.

Local Rules

Local Rule 1. Embedded Ball

Anywhere “through the green” a ball which is embedded in its own pitch-mark, except in loose sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. (See Rule 20)

“Through the green” is the whole area of the course except:

- a. the teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played
- b. all hazards on the course

Local Rule 2. Embedded Stones

All embedded stones in closely mown areas are declared as ground under repair. “Closely mown area” means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

If an embedded stone in any closely mown area interferes with your stance or the area of your intended swing, relief without penalty may be obtained by dropping the ball within one club-length of the spot nearest to where the ball lies which is not nearer the hole and avoids interference.

Local Rule 3. Stakes Are Immovable

The committee deems all stakes defining out of bounds, hazards, ground under repair and line-up stakes as immovable.

Note 1 ~ White stakes define out of bounds. Yellow stakes define water hazards. Red stakes define lateral water hazards. Blue stakes define ground under repair, as do blue lines. Striped stakes are used for line-up stakes.

Note 2 ~ There is no relief without penalty from any white stakes defining out of bounds.

Note 3 ~ There is relief without penalty from all other stakes under (Rule 24) except when your ball lies in or touches a water hazard including lateral water hazards. To obtain relief, drop a ball within one club-length of the spot nearest to where the ball lies which is not nearer the hole and avoids interference by the stake.

Local Rule 4. Aerification Holes

If a ball comes to rest in an aerification hole, the player may, without penalty, lift the ball and clean it. Through the green, the player shall drop the ball as near as possible to where it lay, but not nearer the hole. On the putting green, the player shall place the ball at the nearest spot not nearer the hole, which avoids such situation.

Local Rule 5. Accumulation of Leaves

When posted on the first tee, the accumulation of leaves through the green from tree-line to tree-line is declared as ground under repair.

Unless there is reasonable evidence that a ball, which cannot be found, is lost in the leaves, it must be treated as lost elsewhere and Rule 27 applies.

Local Rule 6. Preferred Lies

The U.S.G.A. does not endorse preferred lies as it conflicts with the fundamental principle of playing the ball as it lies. However, because conditions are sometimes such that preferred lies would promote fair play they suggest the following as appropriate for playing preferred lies when conditions warrant it. The committee adopts this rule and it is in effect when “Preferred Lies Fairway Only” is posted on the first tee.

A ball lying on the “fairway” of the hole being played may be marked, lifted and cleaned without penalty and placed within a club-length of the mark, not nearer the hole. The ball must stay in the fairway.

Note ~ For the purpose of this rule, a ball in the fairway but touching the rough is deemed to be in the fairway.

When preferred lies are allowed anywhere *through the green* (anywhere except hazards), it will be posted on the first tee. When this rule is in effect a ball lying in the rough must stay in the rough, a ball lying in the fairway must stay in the fairway and a ball on the apron of the green may not be placed on the green.

Local Rule 7. Ball Drops

Ball Drops have been established near greens five and nine. A white-lined circle defines them.

1 ~ The white line is considered to be within the Ball Drop.

2 ~ The player does not have to stand within the Ball Drop when dropping the ball.

3 ~ The dropped ball must first have to strike the ground within the Ball Drop.

4 ~ The dropped ball does not have to come to rest within the Ball Drop

5 ~ The dropped ball shall be re-dropped without penalty if it:

a) rolls into a hazard

b) rolls onto a putting green

c) rolls out of bounds

d) rolls and comes to rest more than two club-lengths from where it first struck the ground

If the ball again rolls into such position, it shall be placed as near as possible to the spot where it first struck the ground when re-dropped.

Local Rule 8. Stones in Bunkers

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions. (Relief without penalty under Rule 24-1 applies). *Stones are by definition, loose impediments. However, stones in bunkers may represent a danger to players. Therefore, under the guidelines of the U.S.G.A., the committee has adopted this local rule.*

Local Rule 9. Distance-Measuring Devices

The use of “Distance Measuring Devices” are permitted for all play at Monoosnock. A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. 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 such as 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 function is actually used.

Clarifications

1 ~ Any temporary changes in local rules because of unusual conditions will be posted on the first tee. Otherwise, the local rules posted here supersede local rules listed elsewhere including the scorecards.

2 ~ There is no local rule that permits a player to repair spike marks on his line of putt.

Penalty For Breach of a Local Rule

Match Play --- Loss of hole

Stroke Play --- Two strokes