

LAKE MONTICELLO GOLF CLUB

-Local Rules-

**OUT OF BOUNDS** (Rule 2.1) - Defined by white stakes and property fence posts. Public roads and golf course parking lot are out of bounds. A ball, which enters or crosses a public road or golf course parking lot and comes to rest on or beyond that point, is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

**RED PENALTY AREAS** (Rule 17) - Defined by red stakes and lines. When both stakes and lines are used to define the penalty area, stakes identify the penalty area and lines define the edge. When there are stakes on only one side, the penalty area is deemed to extend to infinity, such as the left side on holes 4, 12, and 17 and right side on holes 6, 13, and 15. Bulkheads within the penalty area are considered integral objects. If a ball is found beyond the penalty area stakes and is in a yard, the ball must be dropped out of the penalty area with a one stroke penalty. Play is prohibited from the home owner's yard.

**ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS** (Rule 16) - Defined by areas encircled with white lines. French drains, sprinkler heads, deeply rutted muddy areas from vehicle traffic and washed-out areas, will be considered abnormal even if unmarked. Tree stumps and roots are considered to be trees and NOT abnormal. Your reference point for free drop is the nearest point of complete relief no closer to the hole.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE** (Rule 4.3) - A distance-measuring device may be used to obtain distance information. However, a distance-measuring device may not be used to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.).

**DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE** (Rule 20.1c) If in doubt as to the correct procedure, play a second ball under Rule 20.1c(3) and report the facts to the Committee even if the scores are the same with both balls. The player **MUST** before proceeding, announce which ball he intends to use for the score.

**FLOWER BEDS** (Rule 16.1) - Deemed to be immovable obstructions. Your reference point for free drop is the nearest point of complete relief no closer to the hole.

**HOLE #16 DROP ZONE** (Committee Procedures) - On hole #16 a dropping zone is available as an added (penalty) relief option for hitting a ball in the penalty area. This dropping zone is located in front of the red teeing area.

**PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES ON HOLE #4** (Committee Procedures) - If a ball strikes the power lines, the stroke is canceled and must be replayed, without penalty. If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

**ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE & DISTANCE FOR BALL OUT OF BOUNDS OR LOST BALL**

(Committee Procedures) - (this rule not appropriate for professional or elite amateur play). If a ball goes out of bounds or is lost, a player may drop on the edge of the fairway at a point where the ball crossed the boundary or for a lost ball where it is estimated to have come to rest for a two (2) stroke penalty. The ball must be dropped on the fairway of the hole being played within two (2) club lengths from the fairway edge and no closer to hole. A player may NOT use this option when: (1) the ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area or (2) the player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance.

**PREFERRED LIES** (Committee Procedures) – When preferred lies are posted, a ball lying in the general area cut to fairway height or less may be marked, lifted, cleaned & replaced within one clublength of its original spot, no nearer the hole, without penalty (Rule 14.1). This rule is in effect unless posted otherwise.

**ROCK RULE** (Committee Procedures) - A ball at rest laying in stones, may be marked and lifted, stones removed, and ball placed in its original spot without penalty.

## **The Modified Rules of Golf for Players with Disabilities**

- Players who are blind,
- Players who are amputees,
- Players who use assistive mobility devices, and
- Players with intellectual disabilities.

Link to USGA Modified Rules <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/rules-of-golf/rules-and-interpretations.html#!ruletype=mr&section=rule>