

MALDON GOLF CLUB

LOCAL RULES (August 2023)

1A. OUT OF BOUNDS

- a) On or beyond the line of any white posts bordering the course.
- b) Beyond the top level of the sea wall.
- c) In or beyond the canal to the right of the 2nd/11th & 3rd/12th holes.
- d) The roadway and beyond, to the right of the 3rd/12th holes, when past the blue navigation post, for any play on the course.
- e) The car park, Clubhouse/trolley shed and its hard surfaced surrounds.
- f) Beyond the Clubhouse & car park when playing the 2nd/11th holes and beyond the Clubhouse, car park & road when playing the 9th/18th holes.

1B. INTERNAL OUT OF BOUNDS

- a) Green keeper's compound indicated by white posts.
- b) When playing the 2nd/11th or 9th/18th holes, on or beyond the line of white posts extending from the Clubhouse between the 1st/10th & 2nd/11th holes. N.B. The infinity line along the ridge across 1st/10th hole applies only when playing 2nd/11th.

2. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (Rule 16.1)

a) Immovable Obstructions

- i. All course furniture, huts, steps & railings.
- ii. Sprinkler heads, standpipes, irrigation boxes.
- iii. Artificially surfaced paths and roads that are not out of bounds.
- iv. Any manufactured concrete, metal, plastic or wooden fixed structures in the general area.
- v. Bridges over gullies/ditches. NB. Bridges over penalty areas are immovable obstructions but free relief is only available if the ball lies outside the margins of the penalty area. Otherwise, Rule 17 applies.
- vi. Tee information signs, yardage discs, tee directional signs & telegraph poles.
- vii. The sluice on the 6th/15th holes.
- viii. The walkway between the two penalty areas in front of the Clubhouse on the 9th/18th hole. NB free relief is only available if the ball lies outside the margins of the penalty areas. Otherwise Rule 17 applies.
** Remember that a ball which appears to be lying outside the margins of a penalty area **BUT is touching the structure of the penalty area**, (such as a wooden sleeper or gabion wall), is deemed to be **IN the penalty area**.
- ix. Exposed bunker linings in an abnormal position.

b) No Play Zones (relief **MUST** be taken - Rule 16.1f)

- i. Staked or banded young trees
- ii. Newly planted/young shrubs or plants indicated by embedded plastic feed pipes.
- iii. Flower & shrub beds.

c) Ground Under Repair.

Relief **MUST** be taken from any areas marked by signs or white lines as Ground Under Repair. For other parts of the General Area, relief **may** be taken where the **player's ball** lies in or on: -

- i. Deep ruts (not light tyre impressions)
- ii. Drainage scars
- iii. Drought cracks

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3. SPRINKLER HEADS WITHIN 2 CLUB LENGTHS OF PUTTING GREENS

In addition, a ball lying off the putting green, (but not in a penalty area or bunker), within 2 club lengths of such a sprinkler head which intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, may be lifted, cleaned and dropped within one club length (the relief area) of where the ball lay, that is not:

- a) nearer the hole,
- b) in a bunker or penalty area, or
- c) on the putting green.

4. MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 15.2)

- i. Seed boxes on teeing areas
- ii. Penalty area posts and distance marker posts
- iii. Tee markers (except on the hole being played)

5. INTEGRAL OBJECTS (walls and fencing)

- a) The gabion stone retaining wall in the penalty area on the 6th/15th hole.
(Rule 17 or Rule 19 applies depending on the position of the ball)
- b) The protective wire fencing behind the 6th/15th green. (Rule 19 applies)

6. BOUNDARY FENCING

The wire fencing surrounding the car park is defined as a boundary fence (Rule 19 applies)

7. PENALTY AREAS

Penalty areas are indicated by yellow or red posts. (Rule 17 applies)

** Remember that a ball which appears to be lying outside the margins of a penalty area **BUT is touching the structure of the penalty area**, (such as a wooden sleeper or gabion wall), is deemed to be **IN the penalty area**.

8. OVERHEAD WIRES

When playing the 2nd/11th or 3rd/12th holes: If a ball hits the overhead wires, the stroke is cancelled and **MUST** be replayed without penalty. (Rule 14.6) (Model local rule E-11 applies - see Club house notice boards).

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF ANY LOCAL RULE:

Match Play - Loss of hole.

Stroke Play - Two strokes.

***CLUB HOUSE NOTICE BOARDS MAY SHOW
ADDITIONAL LOCAL RULES FROM TIME TO TIME.***