



Merbein Golf Club Local Rules

Local Rules at the Merbein Golf Club to be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf.

Please check the Local Rules board for any daily changes at the Club house before play.

OUT OF BOUNDS is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of the club's boundary fence posts and internally by white stakes with black tops. This includes the car park and the practice putting green.

ALTERNATIVE RULE FOR LOST BALL OR OUT OF BOUNDS (OOB) When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. This rule is optional. For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball following the procedure outline in the R&A's Model Local Rule E5.

PREFERRED LIE - You may place your ball within ONE SCORECARD anytime you are on the fairway of the hole you are playing. The Fairway is defined by the "Ripper Lines" on each fairway and the ball may be dropped on the fairway. If your ball comes to rest on or between the ripper lines, then you are subject to the local rules of playing from the fairway. If your ball rests "outside" the ripper line, you are subject to play as the ball lies. Relief may be taken if you are standing in the ripper line.

G.U.R - Any bare patches on the fairway are considered "Ground Under Repair". Nearest point of relief plus ONE club length no nearer the hole you are playing.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS

1. Immovable Obstructions

In the **general area**, free relief from interference by an **immovable obstruction** may be taken under **Rule 16.1** - Immovable obstructions include, but are not limited to:

- The club house, the veranda area and fixed advertising signs
- All roads and paths that are artificially surfaced
- Distance markers on the sides of fairways
- Concrete sand receptacles on tees.

2. Embedded Stones. In the **general area**, the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b if solidly embedded stones are in the area of swing but not stance

3. Fixed Sprinklers Heads

In the **general area**, the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b if a fixed sprinkler head is;

- on the line of play, and is
- within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
- within two club-lengths of the ball

The ball may be lifted, cleaned and dropped at the nearest point of relief in the **general area** not nearer the hole

4. Garden Beds. All garden beds are **no play zones**. If a player's ball lies on or touches such a garden bed or if a garden bed interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under **Rule 16.1f**

5. Staked Trees and Shrubs

All staked trees and shrubs including those under 2 club lengths in height are **no play zones**. If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f.

General information on the Course and Course Etiquette

- 150 metres markers are measured from centre of the fairway to centre of green. Consideration to be shown to players on green holes number 6 & 15 as well as holes number 8 & 17.
- Players must carry a bucket of sand and fill all divots.
- Ball marks in greens are to be repaired before leaving to play the next hole.
- Carts and buggies must not be taken onto greens or tees.
- Pick-up when strokes are exhausted in Par and Stableford competitions to speed up play.
- All players using Mi-score must log into the platform prior to play.
- Any complaints must be made in writing and addressed to the Committee
- No more than four players to a group unless otherwise directed by the Committee
- The Committee reserves the right to decide the acceptability of any behaviour offensive to the club and to take appropriate action.
- Merbein Golf Club does not have a BYO licence. Any alcohol must be purchased from the clubhouse.