



WMGA MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Monday, October 19, 2020

Montgomery Country Club

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

This information supplements the *Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for 2020 WMGA Championships* which is printed in its entirety on the back of this page.

Out of Bounds - White stakes, and fences define out of bounds.

Out of Bounds stakes on hole #14 surrounding the teeing area and immediately in front of the teeing area have no status. There is OB beyond the putting green, which is defined by white stakes.

150 yard markers are movable obstructions. If a 150 yard marker cannot be easily removed, it is treated as an immovable obstruction.

Flower gardens and landscaped areas indicated by blue stakes are No Play Zones from which play is prohibited. The boundary of these No Play Zones/landscaped areas is defined by the outer edge of the exposed cut soil/mulch. **Included are** - the rock and surrounding mulch/plantings short and left of the putting green on hole #1, the large mulched area, including the wooden border, beyond the putting green on hole #1, small tree and raised plaque and surrounding mulch to the back right of putting green on hole #11, and the steps and surrounding plants to the right of the putting green on hole #13.

Ground Under Repair on hole #13 - the boundary of the GUR area right of and at the end of the drive zone on hole #13 is defined by the outside edge of the small white/blue striped posts.

Small wooden stakes and ropes adjoining cart paths - When easily removable, these posts/ropes are movable obstructions. When not easily removable, these ropes/posts are immovable obstructions and in each case are considered part of the adjacent cart path, from which relief, in one procedure, without penalty is allowed.

Red Penalty Area running up the left side of hole #9 turns left and back down the other side at the 'cut through' which is approximately 210 yards from the teeing ground. The high grass beyond the 'cut through' is not a Red Penalty Area.

Red Penalty Area running up the right side of hole #18 turns right and back down the other side at the 'cut through' which is approximately 220 yards from the teeing ground. The high grass beyond the 'cut through' is not a Red Penalty Area.

Ball in Closely Mown Area and Sprinkler Heads Intervene

The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction (sprinkler head/drain) is on the line of play and is: 1) within two club-lengths of the putting green, and 2) within two club-lengths of the ball.

Exception – No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable. Model Local Rule F-5

Bunkers (there are no rakes in the bunkers) - When a ball lies in a bunker, players may utilize 'Preferred Lies'. The player may lift, clean, and place the ball or any ball within one club length of the reference point (spot of the original ball). The relief area may be smoothed by the player before placing. Smoothing may be done using hands, feet or the player's equipment. The relief area must not be nearer the hole than the reference point and must be in the bunker. Under penalty of one stroke, a ball may be removed from the bunker and dropped on a line between the original lie in the bunker and the flagstick.

Flagsticks - The flagstick is to **not be touched** and is to **remain in the hole at all times**. Rule 13.2 is modified in this way: A player is prohibited from making a stroke with the flagstick removed from the hole. NOTE: Touching the flagstick, the inadvertent removal and the subsequent replacement of the flagstick is not of itself a penalty. Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: First Breach – *General Penalty*; Subsequent Breaches – *DQ*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Tee Markers - Play from the WMGA tee markers.

Scorecards – Immediately upon completion of play scorecards are to be returned to the designated scorecard receiving area inside the clubhouse. Do not exchange scorecards - report to scoring for instructions on returning scores.

Ties and Play-offs - In the event of a tie for the championship, after the completion of play, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff. Time of start and play-off holes will be announced by the Committee.