



MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION

MCLGA LOCAL RULES

October 2023

Change Descriptions			
Date	Item	Section	Description
Oct23	2	Buggies	Revised paragraph regarding accommodating players who require a buggy
May22	3	Junior Competitions	Specific mention of Swanston and North Berwick removed.

The following local rules will apply in all MCLGA competitions including the 5 a sides, Greensomes and Knock Outs.

These are in addition to any in force at the course or adopted by the club playing on a course on which any MCLGA competition is being played. In the event that any of the Local Rules of the Course being played and those of MCLGA should contradict each other the MCLGA local rules will prevail.

1. Immovable obstructions close to putting green

In addition to the types of interference described in Rule 16.1a, when a ball lies in the general area, interference also exists if an immovable obstruction is on the player's line of play, is within two club-lengths of the putting green, and is within two club-lengths of the ball. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

(Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.)

2. Buggies

Players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round and must not ride on any form of motorized transportation unless a player requires a buggy, as a result of disability or temporary injury, to enable them to play. In these cases, the Association will make reasonable adjustments to accommodate such players, as per the stipulated term of the relevant Terms of Competition. Caddies are not permitted, unless prior consultation and agreement with the opposition and authorised by the MCLGA competition committee.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: The player gets the *general penalty* for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

3. Caddies in Junior Competitions

Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: junior players with a Competition handicap must not have a caddie or be given parental advice during any competition round. Parent advice is only allowed when playing in a foursome/greensome competition if playing with the parent.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:

- The player gets the **general penalty** for each hole during which she is helped by a caddie.
- If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the **general penalty** for the next hole.

4. Preferred lies

In the event of preferred lies applying on the day of any of the MCLGA competitions the following local rule will apply.

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: 6 inches from the reference point, **but** with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point; and
 - Must be in the general area.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.