

MESQUITE MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION (MMGA)

LOCAL RULES

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In addition to USGA, "The Rules of Golf" (Latest edition), and "Local Rules" at the golf course being played (As noted on the score card or otherwise posted at the course), MMGA sanctioned events (normal weekly play and tournaments) will be conducted using the following guidelines. When in doubt, or situations occur during the course of play that are not governed by these rules and guidelines, play should be conducted using the basic tenets of golf: (1) Play the course as you find it; and (2) Play the ball as it lies. Any unusual or undefined situations that occur should be brought to the attention of the Rules Committee for determination. When unsure of a rule, or a decision clarifying a rule, occurs during play, you should play the remainder of the hole using a ball for both alternatives to the situation, noting your score to both alternatives, and seek resolution from the Committee prior to certifying your score.

NOTE: These MMGA rules only apply to MMGA events. You should always check and abide with the "Local Rules" for the course at which you are playing during non-MMGA play):

1. **Special Penalty Areas:** All desert areas not otherwise marked as "Out of Bounds" or "Penalty Areas" are deemed to be "Red Penalty Areas" and play is governed by Rule 17-19.
2. **Ball Out of Bounds or lost:** A member who hits their ball out of bounds or lost (not in a penalty area) has two options:
 1. Play a provisional from the spot where the ball was last played – penalty stroke and distance – hitting 3 from the last spot played.
 2. Drop and play a ball just on the edge of the fairway no nearer the hole from where the original ball came to rest (or went out-of-bounds). The golfer takes a two-stroke penalty (hitting 4) and plays on instead of returning to the tee.

Note: If number 1 is used, hitting a provisional ball, number 2 is no longer an option.

3. Falcon Ridge #7

A ball landing on the right side between the cart path and the home owner's property line is considered to be in a red penalty area, follow the rules for red penalty area – in this case the options are:

*hit out of the penalty area, no penalty.

*drop within two club-lengths, but no nearer the hole, of the spot where the ball crossed into the penalty area, one stroke penalty.

*drop as close as possible where the ball was previously shot, one stroke penalty.

A ball lost or landing on the home owner's property is out-of-bounds, follow the rules for a ball-out-bounds – see local rule number 2.

*disregard the white line on the cart path on this hole, when the course made the left side of this hole an out-of-bounds area they changed the rule as stated above.

4. Ball hit out-of-bounds that comes to rest in-bounds

A ball hit out-of-bounds that re-enters the field of play and comes to rest on the course is considered in play.

Two examples of where this may come into play for MMGA players are:

*A ball hit from number 10 tee box on hole 10 at the Palms goes across the road and comes to rest on hole number 1.

*A second or third shot hit on hole number 1 at the Falcon Ridge course that comes to rest on hole number 2.

*A ball that comes to rest on the road is not on the golf course and therefore is out-of-bounds.