



MELLOR & TOWNSCLIFFE GOLF CLUB LOCAL RULES



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HOLE No. 1. The stream to the left of the fairway and up to the first bridge is a **RED PENALTY AREA**. After the first bridge the stream becomes a **YELLOW PENALTY AREA**. Relief in accordance with rule 17.1b applies.

HOLE No. 2. The pond in front of the competition tee is a **YELLOW PENALTY AREA**. The ditch to the left of the teeing area is a **RED PENALTY AREA**. A ball coming to rest beyond the boundary fence is **OUT OF BOUNDS**.

The ditch to the right of the 2nd fairway is a **RED PENALTY AREA**.

The fences alongside the bridle path crossing the 3rd hole beyond the green are **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** (rule 16.1 applies). **NOTE:** Players should not drive from the tee until the footpath on the left is clear.

HOLE No. 3. The fences crossing the hole are **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** (rule 16.1). For a ball coming to rest on the bridle path the **RELIEF AREA** is in operation. The stream crossing the hole is a **YELLOW PENALTY AREA**. If a ball strikes the overhead cables during play of the 3rd hole the stroke is cancelled and the player **MUST** play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played, in accordance with Rule 14.6 (Making Next Stroke from Where Previous Stroke Made)

HOLE No. 4. The wooded area at the left of the 4th green is a **RED PENALTY AREA**.

The ditch on the right of the fairway is a **RED PENALTY AREA**.

The pond to the right of the green is a **YELLOW PENALTY AREA**.

HOLE No. 5. The stream in the valley is a **RED PENALTY AREA**. The pond to the right of the men's medal tee is a **RED PENALTY AREA**.

HOLE No. 6. The ditch crossing the fairway several yards in front of the teeing ground is a **YELLOW PENALTY AREA**. The ditch and trees to the left of the fairway is a **RED PENALTY AREA**. **NOTE:** The practice ground to the right is to be treated as **SEMI ROUGH, NOT FAIRWAY**.

HOLE No. 7. The pond in front of the men's medal tee is a **YELLOW PENALTY AREA**. A ball coming to rest on the practice putting green or rockery area behind the green is **OUT OF BOUNDS**.

HOLE No. 8. The wall banking the green on the right-hand side is classed as an **INTEGRAL OBJECT**.

HOLE No. 10. A ball coming to rest over the boundary wall to the right is **OUT OF BOUNDS**. A ball coming to rest on the 11th green must be dropped behind the green in the **RELIEF AREA** provided.

HOLE No. 11. The wooden boarding on the 9th tee is an **INTEGRAL OBJECT**. **NOTE:** Matches about to commence putting should give priority to the players waiting to drive from the 9th tee.

HOLE No. 12. A ball coming to rest beyond the boundary fence to the left is **OUT OF BOUNDS**. The ditch to the left of the fairway is a **RED PENALTY AREA**. The stone filled channel across the fairway is an **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION**, Relief in accordance with rule 16.1 applies.

HOLE No. 13. The small pond, ditch, trees and beyond to the left of the tee and fairway is a **RED PENALTY AREA**. **NOTE:** Players should not tee off until the footpaths are clear.

HOLE No. 14. A ball coming to rest beyond the hedge or posts to the left and rear of the green is **OUT OF BOUNDS**. Steps in Bunkers: These are **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** proceed under rule 16.1



HOLE No. 15. The stream crossing the hole twice is a **YELLOW PENALTY AREA**. The pond is a **YELLOW PENALTY AREA**. The stream along the left boundary hedge is a **RED PENALTY AREA**. A ball coming to rest beyond the white posts to the rear of the green is **OUT OF BOUNDS**. The stone bridge by the pond; relief may be taken under penalty rule 16.1b. **NOTE:** If a player is in a **YELLOW OR RED PENALTY AREA**, the player is not entitled to relief without penalty from interference by an **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION** (i.e. bridge). The player shall play the ball as it lies or proceed under rule 17.1d. Whilst playing a stroke from a bridge a player may ground his club.

HOLE No. 16. The irrigation lake on the left is a **RED PENALTY AREA**. The pond on the right is a **YELLOW PENALTY AREA**. The stream crossing the fairway and the pond in front of the 17th tee are **YELLOW PENALTY AREAS**.

HOLE No. 17. The pond in front of the tee is a **YELLOW PENALTY AREA**. The stone bridge is an **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION** (rule 16.1 applies). The irrigation lake left of the green is a **RED PENALTY AREA**.

HOLE No. 18. The stream in front of the competition tee is a **YELLOW PENALTY AREA**. The Greens sheds area is **OUT OF BOUNDS**. The wall short of the road is an **INTEGRAL OBJECT**. The strip of land between the wall and the road is an **ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION** and relief without penalty may be taken under rule 16.1.

The drainage ditch to the left of the fairway is a **RED PENALTY AREA**. Any ball beyond the white stakes to the left of this is **OUT OF BOUNDS**.

A ball coming to rest beyond the white posts surrounding the green or on or over any path by the club house buildings is **OUT OF BOUNDS**.

General

All pathways and roads are considered to be "**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS**" and golfers may take relief without penalty under rule 16.1

A road or path is defined as "Any road or path (including the sides of roads and paths) to which any foreign material e.g. concrete, tar, gravel, wood chip, etc., has been applied, is an artificial surface and therefore an obstruction.

All "stone filled" drainage ditches (not defined by red or yellow stakes) are defined as "**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS**" and golfers may take relief under rule 16.1

Players **MUST** take relief under rule 16.1 from all staked trees on the course.

TRACTOR MARKS: Where tractor marks are in evidence and interfere with the players stance or ball they should be regarded as "**ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS**" and the player may take relief without penalty.

STAKED TREES: All staked trees are **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** and full relief **MUST** be taken to protect the trees, proceed under rule 16.1 of the Rules of Golf