



BACCHUS MARSH GOLF CLUB

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Toilets are located on course between 6th tee and 7th fairway and between the 15th and 16th hole.

Note: Holes 10-18 order of play altered June 2016 see 1003 Map.

Your golf GPS may not reflect this change.

Be aware of nesting birds on the 16th and 17th Hole

Local Rules effective January 2017

To be read in conjunction with Local rules on the reverse of your score card

Cracks Relief

Relief may be taken from cracks (through the green) Rule [25.1.b](#)

Marked Areas and Tree Stumps

All marked areas and tree stumps - treat as GUR relief Rule 25.1.b

Wheel Marks and Tracks

All wheel marks and tracks - treat as GUR relief Rule 25.1.b

Irrigation Work

All excavation work associated with irrigation system - treated as GUR relief Rule 25.1.b

Relief on Greens

If the ball is on the putting surface, relief may be obtained from sprinkler heads and repaired work on greens.

Bridge Between 9th and 18th Fairway

The bridge and rocky area to be treated as [immovable obstruction](#) Rule 24.2

Staked trees and trees under two club lengths

This rule is intended to protect young trees identified by stakes. If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or intended swing plane, the ball **MUST** be lifted without penalty and dropped as per immovable obstruction rule. Rule 24.2

Roped Off Areas

All roped off areas of the course **MUST** be treated as **compulsory** Ground Under Repair and relief must be taken in accordance with the procedure in Rule 25.1.b

Garden Beds

All garden beds on the course **MUST** be treated as **compulsory** Ground Under Repair and relief must be taken in accordance with the procedure in Rule 25.1.b

Bare patches

If a player's ball comes to rest in a bare area on closely mown areas of the fairways, greens and aprons of greens it is to be treated as GUR and players may seek relief. Rule 33-2 and 33-8.

-on a fairway or apron a player may seek relief by lifting and dropping the ball within one club length no nearer the hole.

-on a Green a player may seek relief by lifting their ball and placing it away from the damaged area no nearer the hole.

Bunkers

In accordance with Rule 24-1, if your ball comes to rest in a bunker and is lying on stones and/or gumnuts these can be moved without penalty.

Exposed Root Rule

Exposed Roots by BMGC definition applies only to roots that have **surfaced away from the normal trunk of the tree.**

In the spirit of this BMGC specific rule and in the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play, if it is determined that your ball has come to rest on or within striking distance of an Exposed Root and you request relief, **the following steps must be applied:**

1. You must get concurrence from your marker before taking relief;
2. The allowable relief distance must be no greater than the distance required to ensure complete relief from the Exposed Root.
 - a. Place a tee at the spot where your original ball lies;
 - b. Take relief by **placing** the ball in a spot that ensures relief from the Exposed Root only, which in most cases should be within 3-5 inches away from the Exposed Root.
 - c. The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this Rule.
3. Exception to Rule: Interference by an Exposed Root with the player's Stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under this Rule.
4. Again, in the spirit of fair play, you may not take additional relief that could improve your stance or swing away from trees, bushes, etc.

Exposed Root relief does not apply within a **marked hazard**. If you elect to take relief from roots within a marked hazard area, you must declare the ball unplayable and take relief as specified by Rule 28. Ball Unplayable.

Ball Moving on Green “Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:
When a player’s ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player’s ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player’s ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.”

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE

Match play – loss of hole
Stroke play – two strokes

Playing a Provisional ball off the 13th Tee.

If there is doubt whether a ball is in or is lost in the water hazard on the 13th hole a player may play another ball provisionally under any of the applicable actions in Rule 26-1.

If the original ball is found outside the hazard the player **must** continue play with it.

If the original ball is found inside the hazard the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue to play the ball played provisionally under Rule 26-1. If the original ball is not found or identified within the five minute search period the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.

Clubhouse OOB Boundary (9th, 18th and 2nd)

See diagram on right for the OOB line
Defined by:

- garden beds – rocks or wooden edge
- brick retaining wall
- OOB Stakes

