

# La Manga Club

## Local Rules – all courses

### 1. OUT OF BOUNDS - Rule 27

Beyond any boundary fences, walls, (hedges) or white marker posts bounding the course.

On holes 9 & 18 on the **North & South** Courses out of bounds is on or beyond the “terracotta” tiled road from the club house to the first and 10<sup>th</sup> tees as indicated by white posts. The margin is the edge of the road, not a straight line between the posts. The posts in this case are immovable obstructions, not boundary posts. The hedge to the left of the 18<sup>th</sup> on the North beyond the baranca is not a boundary hedge.

**West Course** – on or beyond the road behind the 1<sup>st</sup> green. The out of bounds posts between holes 3 & 5 only apply to the play of the 5<sup>th</sup> hole. When playing the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole the posts are immovable obstructions. When playing the 17<sup>th</sup> hole beyond the buggy path which runs from the left of the teeing ground to the green. (if white posts are in place they indicate the general out of bounds margin, the boundary is the buggy path and the posts do not apply to play of the 9<sup>th</sup> hole. When playing the 9<sup>th</sup> they are immovable obstructions)

2. **STONES IN BUNKERS** are movable obstructions, rule 24-1 applies.

### 3. WATERING SYSTEM

All Sprinkler Heads, Control Covers etc are immovable obstructions and relief from interference may be obtained under Rule 24-2. In addition, if such an obstruction on or within two club lengths of the putting green of the hole being played intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole the player may obtain relief, as follows:

If the ball lies off the green but not in a hazard and is within two club lengths of the intervening obstruction, it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids such intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on the putting green.

### 4. WATER HAZARDS - Rule 26

All ponds and ditches (barancas) are water hazards whether they contain water or not. Water Hazards are marked by Yellow stakes or lines. Lateral Water Hazards are marked by Red stakes or lines.

If there is doubt whether a ball is in or is *lost* in a *water hazard*, the player may play another ball provisionally under any of the applicable options in Rule 26-1. If the original ball is found outside the *water hazard*, the player must continue play with it.

If the original ball is found in the *water hazard*, the player may either play the original ball **as it lies** or continue with 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

## 5 GROUND UNDER REPAIR

Garden areas (“decorative” areas containing flowers shrubs etc, excluding ice plants, usually covered with gravel or wood chips and surrounded by a border of stones, kerb stones or logs) are all GUR. Other GUR is indicated by blue stakes. Play is prohibited from all GUR.

## 6 USE OF GPS SYSTEMS AND LASER DEVICES

The use of distance measuring devices is permitted at all times in accordance with Rule 14-3

## 7 RULE 20-3 D. BALL FAILS TO COME TO REST ON SPOT

If a ball when placed fails to come to rest on the spot on which it was placed, there is no penalty and the ball must be replaced. If it still fails to come to rest on that spot:-

(i) except in a hazard, it must be placed at the nearest spot where it can be placed at rest that is not nearer the hole and not in a hazard;

(ii) in a hazard, it must be placed in the hazard at the nearest spot where it can be placed at rest that is not nearer the hole.

If a ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed, and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply.

**OBSTRUCTIONS NOTES:-** Rules of Golf apply to all buggy paths, roads, steps protective netting etc. Areas covered by wood chips are not considered to be artificial surfaces, the chippings are movable obstructions. Where sleepers, logs or similar obstructions lie alongside a water hazard margin the side against the water hazard is considered to be the margin.

### **Bunker Lining**

When a ball lies in a bunker and **exposed** lining interferes with the player’s stance or the area of his swing the ball may be dropped as if the lining is an immovable obstruction - Rule 24-2b (ii)

On the West Course the white concrete posts by the road are not boundary markers. The red concrete posts (right of 6<sup>th</sup>) are not water hazard markers. Both sets of posts are immovable obstructions.

**Distance point posts** are IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

## **TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES**

### **PREFERRED LIES**

A ball lying on a closely mown area through the green may be lifted, without penalty, and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within six inches, (15cms) of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it is placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply. If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

Note: "Closely-mown area" means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

### **AERATION HOLES**

On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

## **GROUND UNDER REPAIR**

Bunkers under maintenance (blue stake(s) in the bunker) are "through the green". Play is prohibited from such areas of GUR. ie a player must drop a ball at the nearest point of relief outside the bunker.

## **FELLED TREES/GRASS CUTTINGS**

Any felled tree (ie Trunk detached from its roots) or stack of logs, palm fronds etc may be deemed as an immovable obstruction. All grass cuttings are deemed to have been abandoned (no relief) unless marked as GUR.