



117th Massachusetts Amateur Championship

GreatHorse – July 7 – 11, 2025

NOTICE TO PLAYERS



MASSACHUSETTS
AMATEUR

The Rules of Golf, Mass Golf Hand Card and Terms of Competitions for Mass Golf Championships govern all play except as modified by the following local rules:

Scorecard: The GreatHorse scorecard is unofficial and has no status.

Tees: Play will be from the **WHITE Mass Golf** tee markers.

Out of Bounds: Defined by the inside edge at ground level of all white skates, white lines/dots, boundary fence/split-rail fence posts, cinder block retaining wall (maintenance area) and public roads (or adjacent curbing). White lines painted on the edges of cart paths have no status.

Hole #7 – Left

Hole #14 – Left of Green

Hole #8 – Left

Hole #16 – Right

Hole #10 – Right

Hole #18 – Right

*Note: A ball which crosses a boundary and comes to rest beyond that boundary is **OUT OF BOUNDS**, even though it may lie on another part of the course.*

Penalty Areas: Defined by red or yellow lines. When a penalty area line is immediately adjacent to a cart path, the line is deemed to coincide with the edge of the cart path. In the absence of a line, the stakes or the edge of the cart path (noted below - #) define the edge of the penalty area.

Hole #1 – Left

Hole #6 – Behind Green

Hole #13 – Left of Tee & Right

Hole #2 – Left & Right

Hole #7 – Left of Tee #

Hole #14 – Front of Tee & Left

Hole #3 – Behind Green

Hole #8 – Front of Tee & Right

Hole #16 – Right of & Behind Green

***Hole #4** – Right, Left of & Behind Green

Hole #11 – Left # & Behind Green

Hole #17 – Right #

Hole #5 – Left & Right

Hole #12 – Front of Tee & Left

***Hole #4** – As an additional relief option under Rule 17, for a ball crossing the edge of the YELLOW penalty area and coming to rest in the penalty area, a player may use the drop zone provided.

Abnormal Course Conditions: All cart paths (paved or unpaved), roads (paved or unpaved), their immediate extensions/adjacent worn areas, white lined areas tying into cart paths, and stone walkways/staircases/walls/retaining walls. All areas (*enclosed with BLUE lines*) are considered one obstruction. If multiple abnormal course conditions are immediately adjacent to each other, they should be treated as one single condition. Relief may be taken under Rule 16.1.

Mass Golf Signage: All PVC logo signage (including anchor stakes) are movable obstructions. Relief may be taken under Rule 15.1.

Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens: For a ball in the general area, relief may be taken under 16.1b when both the ball and obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less. The obstruction must be located: i.) On or within two club-lengths of the putting green, ii.) On the player's line of play, and iii.) The ball must be within two club-lengths of the obstruction.

Ground Under Repair: Enclosed white lined areas define GUR. Relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b. White circles labeled "DZ" and white mow lines are NOT ground under repair, free relief is not permitted.

Integral Objects: All natural rock outcroppings are integral objects, relief without penalty is **NOT** permitted.

Portable Fans: Portable fans adjacent to putting greens (Hole 12 & Hole 16) are Temporary Immovable Obstructions. For relief from physical interference the player may take relief under Rule 16.1 or use the drop zone provided. For line-of-play interference for a ball in the General Area, the drop zone provided MUST be used if taking relief.

Relief from Seams of Cut Turf: If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. But interference does NOT exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief.

Shared Putting Green: The shared putting green of the 5th and 7th holes is considered one putting green and is **NOT** a wrong green. The hole **NOT** being played on the shared putting green is ground under repair. Relief may be taken under Rule 16.1.

Transportation: During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation **except** as authorized or later approved by the Committee. Players and caddies **may** ride on the shuttle carts provided from 8 green to 9 tee and 14 green to 15 tee (Exception to MLR G-6).

Pace of Play: Pace for this round is 4 hours and 43 minutes. Please ensure that you are keeping within a hole of the group in front of you and within the time par printed on your scorecard.

Playoff: Any tie(s) for the final match play qualifying spot(s) will be decided by a hole-by-hole playoff on Tuesday, July 8th. (Hole(s) 1, 15, 16, 17 & 18) – unless otherwise approved by the Committee.

DECISIONS BY THE COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE ARE FINAL

Committee: Bobby Villeneuve (OIC), Cary Jubinville, John Crook, Greg Howell & Kevin Eldridge