

## **2019 Prominent Rules Changes**

\* There is now a new local rule in place for a ball hit out of bounds or a lost ball where you drop in the fairway and it's a two shot penalty.

\* For example on hole #7, player A hits their tee shot close to the trees on the right hand side and when they get up to the ball it's out of bounds. Player A can estimate where the ball crossed out of bounds and drop not nearer the hole UP TO TWO CLUB LENGTHS just in the fairway. Player A would then be hitting 4.

\* The same would apply for a lost ball; the player would take a drop not nearer the hole UP TO TWO CLUB LENGTHS just in the fairway with a penalty of two shots. Golfers always have the option to replay the shot for the stroke and distance penalty as well.

\* Golfers now have the option to putt with the flagstick in while on the putting green and when taking drops must drop from knee height.

\* Hazards are now called penalty areas and the options on them have changed a little. On the following pages there are some diagrams with common misconceptions about how to play from certain areas on holes at Minnewasta but the main points for these are:

\* **YELLOW STAKES:** There are two options, option 1 is replay from the spot that you hit from. Option 2 is drop as far back on the line that the ball entered the penalty area BUT YOU MUST KEEP THE SPOT IT ENTERED AND THE FLAG IN A STRAIGHT LINE.

\* **RED STAKE:** There are three options, the two options above AND option 3 is you can drop two club lengths from where the ball entered the penalty area.

\* Searches for golf balls is now 3 minutes down from 5.

In respect for league play and etiquette, please find a spot to drop that both you and your opponents agree on.



**Hole 15:** This is the most common area where golfers don't know where to drop. In the picture you can see that the tee shot crossed the first red stakes at the bend. With the 3 options, the player can re-tee, drop 2 clublengths from where it first crossed the red stakes or take the drop as far back keeping the spot where the ball crossed and the flag in a straight line.

These options work further ahead on the tee shot as well but it is EXTREMELY RARE that option 3 will allow you to drop your ball in the fairway keeping the point the ball crossed the line and the flagstick in a straight line.

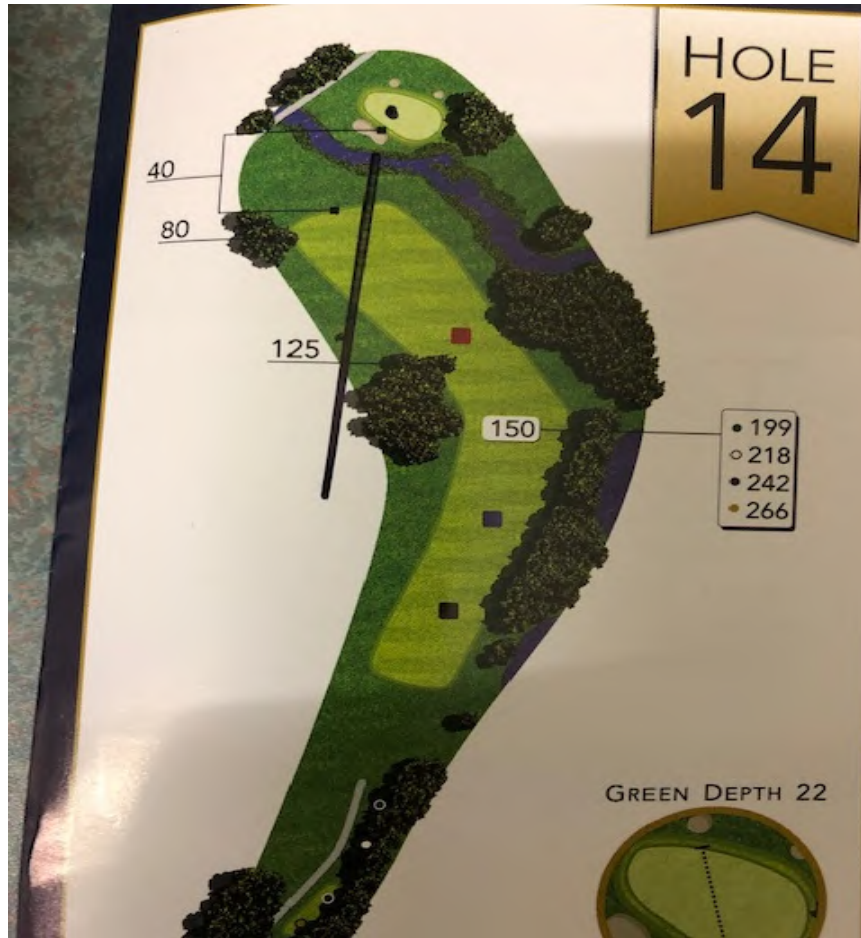


**Hole 12:** This is the second most common area where golfers don't know where to drop. In the picture you can see that the player's approach shot entered the penalty area by the spruce trees. In this common scenario, the three options are limited down to TWO OPTIONS.

Option 1 is to play the shot from the previous spot with the penalty.

Option 2 is to play the shot two clublengths from where the ball entered the penalty area with the penalty.

As you can see from the picture, option 3 isn't an option because the player can't go back as far as they want keeping the spot where the ball entered and the flagstick in a straight line because that spot would be played from OUT OF BOUNDS.



**Hole 14:** This is the most common area that is used for yellow staked penalty areas. There are TWO OPTIONS.

Option 1 is to play the shot from the previous spot with the penalty.

Option 2 is to play the shot as far back as you choose keeping the point the ball entered the penalty area and the flag in a straight line.

On hole #14 if the flag is in the middle of the green it's pretty straight forward but if the flag is to the left or to the right, that will change option 2 dramatically.