

# LOCAL RULES - January 2019



## OUT OF BOUNDS

Out of Bounds is defined as:

- Beyond the line between white posts.
  - Note: the white posts to the left of the 7<sup>th</sup> hole from the teeing area to the bridge near the green are only out of bounds when playing the 7<sup>th</sup> hole.
- On or over the practice putting green and flower beds surrounding it
- On or over the flower beds and artificially surfaced areas surrounding the Clubhouse and the Professional's shop.
- Beyond the centre line of boundary hedges. This includes hedges separating the practice ground and the 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> holes.
- Beyond the inside edge of boundary fences.

## IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

All roads, paths, and pylons on the course are treated as immovable obstructions. Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under [Rule 16.1](#).

All bridges are treated as immovable obstructions except when the ball lies on a bridge within a red or yellow penalty area. Free relief may not be taken and [Rule 17.1](#) applies.

Fixed sprinkler heads are immovable obstructions. Free relief under [Rule 16.1](#) may be taken. In addition, free relief under [Rule 16.1b](#) may be taken if the fixed sprinkler head is on the line of play, and is:

- Within two club-lengths of the putting green and
- Within two club-lengths of the ball.

## STAKED TREES

All trees attached to stakes are no play zones. Free relief under [Rule 16.1f](#) must be taken.

## RED AND YELLOW PENALTY AREAS

The edge of a penalty area is defined by the line between the outside points of the stakes at ground level. The stakes are inside the penalty area. Where the edge of the penalty area curves (for example the stream across the 8th hole) a ball lying below the level of the surrounding ground is inside the penalty area. Relief may be taken under [Rule 17.1d](#).

## POWER CABLES & PYLONS

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line or pylon during the play of any hole, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made under Rule 14.6.

## MARKER POSTS

Marker posts indicating penalty areas, distance or direction should be treated as movable obstructions and Rule 15.2 applies. If these are not easily movable (for example distance markers set into fairways), they should be treated as immovable obstructions and Rule 16.1 applies. White stakes indicating out of bounds are boundary objects and cannot be moved nor relief obtained. Rule 8.1a applies.

## TEMPORARY GREENS

If a temporary green is in play and a player's ball comes to rest on the normal green for that hole, it should be treated as a wrong green. Relief must be taken under Rule 13.1f.

## TRACTOR AND GREEN-KEEPING EQUIPMENT MARKS

Such marks are treated as an abnormal course condition. Relief may be taken under Rule 16.1.

## AERATION HOLES AND DRAINAGE WORKS

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole or drainage works:

- Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.
- Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

## TREE REMOVAL

Where trees are being removed for course management and the stump is in the process of being unearthed or cut up for removal, the area affected (including wood shavings or chippings) is classed as ground under repair, whether or not it is marked. Relief must be taken under Rule 16.1. Tree stumps are not classified as GUR and the ball must be played as it lies.

## PREFERRED LIES

When preferred lies are in operation, if a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: Six inches, **but** with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
  - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
  - Must be in the general area.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

#### **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THE LOCAL RULE**

Match Play: Loss of Hole

Stroke Play: Two Strokes

**Any disputes should be referred to the Handicaps and Competitions committee, whose decision will be final. In case of any dispute on a hole, we suggest that you play a second ball for the remainder of the hole so that you have a counting score should we decide against your initial decision.**

## **TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES (NOT PRINTED ON THE SCORE CARDS)**

### **Preferred Lies**

Due to the weather conditions experienced in summer 2018 a ball after being marked and cleaned may be placed within one club length of its original position rather than six inches as indicated in the standard local rules.

This applies from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.

### **Cracks in the Ground**

Due to the weather conditions experienced in summer 2018, cracks in the ground in the general area are ground under repair. If a player's ball lies in such a condition, or if such a condition interferes with the area of a player's intended swing, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1.

This applies until further notice

### **Fallen Trees**

Any tree or large branch (whether connected to the ground or not) anywhere on the course is classed as ground under repair. If a player's ball lies in such a condition, or if such a condition interferes with the stance or area of a player's intended swing, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1.

This applies until further notice

### **Pond Clearance - 16<sup>th</sup> hole**

The pond is still classed as a penalty area despite the red posts being removed. If a ball lands in the pond, players should proceed under Rule 17.1d for a red penalty area, for one penalty stroke.

If a ball lands on the banks or area around the pond currently marked as GUR, players may take relief without penalty.

If a ball lands in an area not marked as GUR, it should be played as it lies.

Material that has been removed as part of the pond improvement on the 16th hole (silt, mud etc.) and deposited in the general area is treated as ground under repair. Free relief may be taken under Rule 16.1

All other standard rules and local rules still apply.

This applies until the works are completed.