



Temporary Local Rules – November 2020

To be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf.

1. OUT OF BOUNDS

- a) Beyond any fence and/or white stakes with black tops bounding the course and beyond the painted white line on pathway left of 2nd hole, in front of the Starter's Hut and the path in front of the clubhouse on the 18th.
- b) The clubhouse car park and roads adjoining the clubhouse.
- c) The driving range (new mounds are out of bounds as per the stakes).

2. ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE FOR LOST BALL

When a player's ball has not been found, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. For two penalty strokes (to be clear, if you lose your tee shot and proceed under this local rule your next shot would be your 4th shot), the player may take relief by dropping a ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

- a) **Ball Reference Point:** The point where the original ball is estimated to have come to rest on the course.
- b) **Fairway Reference Point:** The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less. Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was lost is no longer in play and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the 3-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

But the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, Out of Bounds, or,
 - The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3).
- A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found.

3. STAKED TREES, SHRUBS AND GARDEN BEDS

If a staked tree, shrub or garden bed, interferes with a player's stance or the area of intended swing, the player MUST take relief as provided in Rule 16.1b.

4. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS

In addition to the types of interference described in Rule 16.1a, when a ball lies in the general area, interference also exists if an immovable obstruction is; on the player's line of play, is within two club-lengths of the putting green and is within two club-lengths of the ball. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. (Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.)

5. NO PLAY ZONES

Golfers are advised that the Penalty Areas (wetland areas) left of the 16th fairway and the islands in the wetland areas of the 2nd, 16th, 17th and 18th holes are environmentally sensitive areas and have been deemed No Play Zones by the Committee. These areas are defined by stakes with green tops or signposted accordingly. Entry to and play from these areas is strictly prohibited.

6. PENALTY AREAS

Penalty areas are defined as either red or yellow and are defined by red, or yellow stakes or lines. Please note that the stakes are immovable obstructions. If unsure, please refer to the temporary local rules for any additional Penalty Areas on the course.

7. DISTANCE MARKERS

All distance markers on the fairways are to the centre of the green. These markers are immovable obstructions and relief may be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1b.

8. ALL ROADS AND PATHS TREATED AS OBSTRUCTIONS

All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially-surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

9. PREFERRED LIES IN BUNKERS

With the use of rakes remaining optional due to COVID-19, until further notice a player may lift, clean and place their ball within a club length no nearer the hole in any bunker. The preferred lie must be taken in the bunker. If your ball is plugged in the face relief must be taken within one club length. If you cannot make your ball stay within a club length then play the ball in its original plugged lie.

10. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS:

- WASH OUTS IN BUNKERS:

Free relief can be obtained if a player's ball ends up in wash out in a bunker. To obtain free relief from a washout in the bunker, you must determine the nearest point of complete relief **IN the BUNKER**, no nearer the hole and drop within one club length of that point in the bunker.

11. DELIBERATELY PLAYING DOWN INCORRECT FAIRWAYS

Players who hit their tee shot off the 8th and 12th tees and deliberately aim down the 7th or 13th fairways, are putting other member's safety at risk. If anyone deliberately aims down another fairway they will be in breach of the club's code of conduct and will be asked to meet with the Match and Green committee.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE

Stroke play – General Penalty (2 strokes) Match play - Loss of hole