



LOCAL RULES

The following Local Rules are to be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf. An abbreviated version is on the score card.

1. **Out of Bounds** Defined by

- (a) the line between the course-side points at ground level of fence posts (most of the course); or
- (b) white stakes with black tops (including the clubhouse area, practice fairway and car parks); or
- (c) the course-side edge of a wall bordering the course (for example the corner property behind the 5th green).

2. **Ground Under Repair**

- (a) Those areas defined by white stakes and/or lines
- (b) Cultivated garden beds
- (c) The confines of the Greenkeeper's shed and surrounding facilities
- (d) Clearly defined wheel ruts
- (e) Washaways in bunkers and at the margins of bunkers.

3. **Penalty Areas**

All penalty areas are defined by red stakes or lines. When the edge of a penalty area is defined by stakes only, the stakes are inside the penalty area and the edge is defined by the nearest outside points of the stakes at ground level. When stakes and lines are used to indicate a penalty area, the edge is defined by the line, which is in the penalty area, and the edge is the outside edge of the line. When a player's ball is in a penalty area, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area even though not found, the player may take relief using one of the options under Rule 17.

Opposite-side relief 2nd, 11th and 12th holes: when the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty areas on the right hand side of the second hole (the first pond) or the left hand side of the 11th and 12th holes, as an extra relief option (also **one penalty stroke**), the player may drop the original ball or another ball on the opposite side of the penalty area using as the Reference Point the estimated point on the opposite edge of the penalty area that is the same distance from the hole as the estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area. All other aspects of the relief area are as identified in Rule 17.1d for a red penalty area (lateral relief).

4. **No Play Zones**

For safety reasons, the areas within the outer limits of the rocks within the penalty areas on the 5th (the small penalty area right of the path), 8th (in front of the tee and to the right of the green), 9th and 18th holes are **No Play Zones**.

(a) **When a ball is within the No Play Zone**, the player must take penalty relief outside the penalty area using one of the penalty area relief options under Rule 17.

(b) **If the ball is found within the penalty area but outside the No Play Zone** the player must either: (i) take penalty relief outside the penalty area (as above) or (ii) take free relief in the following relief area if it exists in the same penalty area: The Reference Point is the nearest point of complete relief from the No Play Zone and the relief area is within one club-length and not nearer the hole than the Reference Point (Rule 17.1e in the full edition of the rules).

(c) **If the ball lies in the general area** but the No Play Zone in the penalty area interferes with the area of the intended stance or intended swing, the player must either (i) take free relief in the following relief area (Rule 16.1b): Reference Point is the nearest point of complete relief in the general area and the relief area is within one club-length and not nearer the hole than the Reference Point; or (ii) take unplayable ball relief under Rule 19.

5. **Roads and Paths**

Roads and Paths identified by white discs, and concrete paths adjacent to 1st & 10th Tees & 2nd Green, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. The white dots are for identification purposes only, they do not mark the edge of the road or path. The ends of the paths are indicated by three white dots. Players are asked to take reasonable steps to establish the limits of the paths. Spillovers due to rain or other influences are not areas where relief is available, they are not part of the immovable obstruction. All other Roads and Paths are integral objects (play the ball as it lies or take unplayable ball relief under Rule 19).

6. Dropping Zone – 5th and 6th Holes

If a ball is in the small penalty area right of the cart path on the 5th or in the penalty area behind the 6th green, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke: (i) take relief under Rule 17.1 or (ii) as an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

7. Provisional Ball – Penalty Areas 2nd (right hand side), 6th (right hand side), 9th and 18th Holes

If a player does not know whether his or her ball is in any of these penalty areas, the player may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3, which is modified in this way. In playing the provisional ball, the player may use any of the available options under Rule 17.1d. Once the player has played a provisional ball under this Rule, he or she may not use any further options under Rule 17.1d in relation to the original ball.

In deciding when that provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play or if it must or may be abandoned, Rule 18.3c(2) and 18.3c(3) apply (see the full edition of the rules) except that:

- (a) ***When Original Ball Is Found in Penalty Area Within Three-Minute Search Time.*** The player may choose either to: (i) continue to play the original ball as it lies in the penalty area, in which case the provisional ball must not be played. All strokes with that provisional ball before it was abandoned (including strokes made and any penalty strokes solely from playing that ball) do not count; or (ii) continue to play the provisional ball in which case the original ball must not be played.
- (b) ***When Original Ball Is Not Found Within Three-Minute Search Time or Is Known or Virtually Certain to Be in Penalty Area.*** The provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play.

8. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green (e.g. Sprinkler Heads)

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. In addition, if a ball lies in the general area and an immovable obstruction is on the line of play and is within 2 club-lengths of the putting green and within 2 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.

**UNLESS OTHERWISE DETERMINED BY A RULE OF GOLF - BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE:
GENERAL PENALTY (STROKE PLAY - TWO STROKES; MATCH PLAY - LOSS OF HOLE)**

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