

Local Rules

(JANUARY 2018)

These Local Rules override those on the current score cards and should be read in conjunction with any Temporary Local Rules currently in force.

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27-1)

Beyond all boundary walls, hedges, fences and ditches and as marked with white stakes. In addition, the Clubhouse, Greenkeeper's Compound, car parks and private gardens are all similarly out of bounds.

The areas indicated by white stakes to the left of the 1st, 2nd and 8th fairways, the area to the left of the 7th tee as well as the greenkeepers fenced area to the left of the 10th fairway are all internal out of bounds. When playing the 17th hole, beyond the hedgerow on the left (marked by white stakes) is a further internal out of bounds area (these stakes are deemed immovable obstructions when playing the 18th hole.)

The area behind the 2nd green between the 3rd and 4th holes, the extent of which is marked by white stakes, is internal out of bounds.

2. Water Hazards (Rule 26)

Lateral Water Hazards. All ponds and ditches are defined by red stakes.

Note 1. When playing the 6th hole, the ditch to the right of the green is a lateral water hazard, however the same ditch when playing the 7th hole is a water hazard.

Note 2. When playing the 11th and 12th holes, the island between the two ditches is considered to be an integral part of the lateral water hazard.

Water Hazards. All ponds and ditches are defined by yellow stakes.

3. Ground Under Repair (Rule 25.1)

If a ball comes to rest in a flowerbed or any specific area encircled by white lines, relief **MUST** be taken in accordance with this rule.

The Public Footpath and lines demarking same shall be treated as Ground Under Repair and relief taken under this rule if a player so wishes.

4. Movable Obstructions (Rule 24.1)

Stones in bunkers.

Hoops placed by greenkeepers as a measure to protect the course.

5. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24.2)

Prepared roads, paths, steps, shelters, winter tees, tee markers, water fountains, bridges, drain covers, notice boards, the fence between the 4th and 7th tees, the practice nets, the patio and buildings behind the 9th green, the toilet behind the 14th green, the wooden sleepers forming the surround to the pond to the left of the 7th hole are regarded as immovable obstructions and relief from them may be obtained under this rule.

Sprinkler heads. If a ball lies off the putting green, but not in a hazard, and a fixed sprinkler head on or within two-club lengths of the putting green and within two-club lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, a player may obtain relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids such intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on the putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted. Relief under this Local Rule is also available if the player's ball lies on the putting green and a fixed sprinkler head within two-club lengths of the putting green intervenes on his line of putt. The player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and placed at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

Protection of Young Trees. If a young tree, identified by being staked, supported by ropes or protected by nets or cages, interferes with a player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the ball **MUST** be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24.2b. The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this Local

Rule. **Exception:** A player may not obtain relief under this Local Rule if (a) it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than the tree or (b) interference by the tree would occur only through use of an unnecessary abnormal stance, swing or direction of play.

6. Distance Measuring Devices (Rule 14.3)

Unless the conditions of the competition state otherwise, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a *stipulated round*, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14.3.

7. Ball moved on Putting Green

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

8. Penalty for breach of Local Rule

Matchplay - loss of hole.

Strokeplay - two strokes.

9. Practice Areas (Rule 7-1b)

Practice is permitted on the putting green in front of the clubhouse, the nets alongside the car park as well as from the designated areas by the 14th and 17th fairways (as well as the practice area left of the 8th fairway) on any day of a strokeplay competition. Practice is restricted to these areas only. **The penalty for breach of rule 7-1b is disqualification.**