

RULES FOR WINTER COMPETITIONS

The Rules of Golf and our Local Rules apply, with these additional rules:

1. Preferred lies are allowed on fairways (actually any closely mown area cut to fairway height). You may lift your ball, clean it and place it within 15 cm/6 inches, **not nearer the hole**. Remember to mark your ball before lifting it (**see Appendix I, Part A, 3b**).
2. When playing the 2nd hole the 1st cut of rough beyond the 2nd/9th fairway is to be treated as fairway.
3. Mats may be used on fairways (and only on fairways) with the same conditions as for preferred lies.
4. To avoid taking a divot on a winter green, a ball lying on a winter green not in use (Wrong Putting Green (**see Rule 25-3**)) must be lifted and dropped within 1 club-length of the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole. If it is still on a fairway, you may then take a preferred lie.
5. Temporary fences should be treated as follows: if the fence interferes with your stance or area of intended swing, you may
 - drop the ball within 1 club-length of the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole
or
 - drop the ball behind the point where the ball lies, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped.
6. If a ball strikes a fence, the shot may be re-taken (**see Rule 20-5**); the player may substitute another ball, without penalty (**see Rule 15-2**).
7. Through the green (i.e. anywhere on the course excluding the tee and the green of the hole being played, and hazards) a ball embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground may be lifted (remember to mark your ball first), without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball, when dropped, must first strike a part of the course through the green (**see Appendix I, Part A, 3a**). Of course if the ball is on a fairway there is no need to drop as a preferred lie is allowed.
8. On the 13th hole, if a ball is believed to have plugged but cannot subsequently be found, it may be replaced by a ball which should be placed (if on the fairway) or dropped (if in the rough) near to where the ball is considered to be plugged, without penalty.
9. On a putting green, a ball coming to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole which avoids the situation (**see Appendix I, Part A, 3d**).

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes