

GOLF COMMITTEE PREFERRED LIES

PREFERRED LIES ARE NOW IN OPERATION UNDER A LOCAL RULE WITH EFFECT
FROM
1ST JANUARY 2019

“WINTER RULES”

THERE IS SOMETIMES SOME CONFUSION AS TO HOW THE RULES OF GOLF AFFECT PLAY IN THE WINTER MONTHS, SO I WILL EMPHASISE SOME IMPORTANT POINTS THAT **MUST** BE ADHERED TO.

1. A PLAYER IS ENTITLED TO RELIEF ON THE GENERAL AREA, CUT TO FAIRWAY HEIGHT. THIS INCLUDES ALL FAIRWAYS, TEES, SURROUNDS/APRONS AND GREENS (I.E. THE AREA SURROUNDING AND IN FRONT OF THE 7TH GREEN, WHICH IS CUT AT TEE HEIGHT). IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT WHETHER A BALL LIES ON THESE AREAS, **DO NOT PICK IT UP!**
2. WHEN TAKING RELIEF, YOU SHOULD MARK THE BALL, WHICH MAY BE CLEANED AND THEN **PLACED** WITHIN SIX INCHES OF WHERE IT LAY BUT NO NEARER THE HOLE. ONCE THE BALL HAS BEEN REPLACED, **YOU MUST NOT TOUCH IT AGAIN.**
3. RELIEF MAY ONLY BE OBTAINED FROM TRACTOR MARKS IF THEY ARE MARKED ‘GROUND UNDER REPAIR’.
4. **FENCED OFF AREAS – PROCEDURES TO ASSIST GOLFERS.**

FENCES, MADE FROM **WOODEN STAKES** CONNECTED BY ROPE THAT HAVE BEEN ERECTED TO PROTECT AREAS OF THE COURSE, ARE DEEMED ‘IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS’ AND **CANNOT BE MOVED**, HOWEVER YOU MAY TAKE RELIEF (RULE 16.1 APPLIES, SEE BELOW*) FROM THE FENCES, OR POSTS, IF YOUR **STANCE** OR **SWING** IS INTERFERED WITH.

*WHEN TAKING RELIEF UNDER 16.1 THE BALL MUST BE DROPPED WITHOUT PENALTY WITHIN ONE CLUB LENGTH OF THE NEAREST POINT OF RELIEF, NOT NEARER THE HOLE.

FENCED OFF AREAS ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY ‘GUR’ AND RELIEF CAN ONLY BE TAKEN FROM ANY PART OF THE COURSE IF IT HAS BEEN DEFINED AS SUCH.

WHITE DIRECTIONAL “HOOPS” ARE MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS, BUT MUST BE REPLACED IF THEY HAVE BEEN REMOVED.