

Trentham Park Golf Club Winter Rules

As from the 1st November until 30th April (inclusive or as course conditions warrant) 'Winter Rules' are in operation and the following applies:

Preferred Lies

When a Player's Ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:-

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from the Reference Point: 6 inches from the reference point, **but** with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
- Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
- Must be in the general area.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

Relief for Embedded Ball

Rule 16-3 provides relief, without penalty, for a ball embedded in its own pitch-mark in any closely-mown area through the green. On the putting green, a ball may be lifted and damage caused by the impact of a ball may be repaired (Rules 13-1c). In addition "Through the green, a ball that is embedded may be lifted, 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. Note: A ball is "embedded" when it is in its own pitch-mark and part of the ball is below the level of the ground.

Exceptions:

1. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown.
2. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule makes the stroke clearly impracticable

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes

Relief in Bunkers

Except in Qualifying Competitions, if your ball is in a bunker you may without penalty mark your ball, lift and clean it, rake the bunker and place (not drop) the ball as near as possible to the position from which it was lifted. Please re-rake the bunker before moving on.

13th Hole Winter Tee.

To avoid confusion during the use of the winter Tee to the right of the track on the 13th Hole, the internal out of bounds does not apply. A shot not clearing the track should be played as it lies.

If the track or fence bordering the track interfere with stance or stroke rule 16-1 applies. ("Nearest Point of Relief").

Roped areas

Any ball hitting the posts or the ropes the shot must be replayed by dropping the ball as near as possible to where the original shot was taken rule 14-3.

Any ball coming to rest near a post or rope relief must be taken ropes are not taken as per rule 15-2 full relief plus one club length. The ropes should not be removed.