



Temporary Local Rules

Covid 19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic

Score Cards:

Rule 3.3b is amended thus:

- Players may enter their own scores on the scorecard (it is not necessary for a marker to do it)
- It is not necessary to have a marker physically certify the player's scores, but some form of verbal certification should take place

Returning Cards to The Committee: As advised, paper scorecards can be completed by players, but MUST not be swapped with a Marker. They should not be submitted other than by electronic format. Use the Howdidido method as described in the recent email. If this is not possible then send a photo of the scorecard to the office asap.

Bunkers:

When a player's ball lies in a bunker the player may take free relief by *placing* the original ball or using another ball and playing it from this relief area. Once the ball has been placed it *cannot be replaced* as it is now deemed to be in play:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from 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 bunker.

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

The area where the ball is to be placed *must not* be smoothed before placing.

If a player fails to get out of the bunker then they are entitled to free relief again, provided the ball is in a poor lie due to the bunker not being raked.

Flagstick:

The flags are being left in the hole purely to identify the position of the hole on the putting green. Golfers *must* always leave the flagstick in the hole and *not* touch it deliberately.

Ball Holed:

The hole liners will be set in such a way that means that all of the ball may not fall below the surface of the putting green. The ball is considered “holed” if any part of it is below the surface of the putting green, even if not lodged against the flagstick.

Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16):

Stakes that define either an area of the course (such as penalty areas) or distances (such as distance markers) are Immovable Obstructions and as such must not be removed.

Penalty for breach of Temporary Local Rule: General Penalty

Note:

Smoothing of bunkers with feet or a club is permitted after a shot has been made under Rule 12.2b(2)