

Perranporth Golf Club

Local Rules Additional to Card

1. Ground Under Repair - areas are marked in blue. Relief may be taken – Rule 16.1e.
2. Distance Measuring Devices - a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a (1), for which the penalty is the General Penalty for a first breach and disqualification for a subsequent breach, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.
3. Footpath Markers - the white posts between the 8th tee and 18th green are footpath markers and should be treated as immovable obstructions, relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b.
4. Sprinkler Heads – relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be obtained under Rule 16.1b. In addition, if a ball lies off the putting green in the General Area and an immovable obstruction 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, the player may also take relief under Rule 16.1b:
The ball must be lifted and dropped within the relief area defined as follows:
Reference Point: Nearest point in the General Area, not nearer the hole, where the interference is avoided.
Relief Area: One club length from the Reference Point:
 - Must be not nearer the hole than the Reference Point and
 - Must be in the General AreaThe ball may be cleaned when lifted.
Relief under this Local Rule is also available if the ball lies on the putting green and an immovable obstruction within two club lengths of the putting green intervenes on his line of putt. In this case, the ball must be placed at the nearest point, not nearer the hole, where the interference is avoided.
5. Winter Rules/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 Reference Point: 6 inches from the reference point, but with these limits:
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point and
 - Must be in the general areaThe ball may be cleaned when lifted.
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.
6. Ball or Ball Marker on putting green moved accidentally - Rule 13.1d if it is moved accidentally there is no penalty.

Note: if it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green is moved by Natural Forces such as wind, water or the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies in its new location. A ball marker moved in such circumstances is replaced. Exception – if an already marked and replaced ball that has been replaced under Rule 13.1(d) is then moved by natural causes it must be replaced on the original spot under Rule 14.2.
7. General repairs and maintenance - during any programme of restoration, paint is not always used to mark GUR, as this may cause further damage to the turf. Any area of the course that has protective netting coverage, metal grids, hoops or there is obvious turf repair work in progress, should be considered GUR and a No Play Zone.
Players MUST take relief under Rule 16.1b, c or d as appropriate.
8. Footpaths - The footpath above the 1st hole "Blue Tee" is an Abnormal Ground Condition and free relief may be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1.

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9. Aeration Holes - if a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

Ball in General Area. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b by dropping the original ball or another ball.

Reference Point: Nearest point of complete relief in the General Area

Relief Area: One club length from the Reference Point:

- Must be not nearer the hole than the Reference Point and
- Must be in the General Area

The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.

Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16. 1d. Free relief may be taken by placing a ball on the spot of the nearest point of complete relief. If there is no such nearest point of complete relief, the player may take this free relief by using the point of maximum available relief as the reference point, which must be either on the putting green or in the general area. Note that interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.

10. Use of Fairway Mats in Winter – at such times as determined by the Greenkeeping Staff, the use of Fairway Mats on fairways, and other areas of the course as announced, will be mandatory.

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less and a putter is not being used for the stroke, the ball must be lifted, placed on and played from an Astroturf, or similar type of, mat.

The mat must be placed as near as possible to where the ball originally lay, and the ball must be placed on the mat. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

If a ball when placed rolls off the mat, the player must try to place it a second time. If the ball again does not stay on the mat, the mat must be moved to the nearest spot, not nearer the hole, where the ball will come to rest on the mat when placed.

If the player accidentally causes the ball on the mat to move before a stroke is made, there is no penalty and the ball must be placed again on the mat.

If a tee is used to secure the mat into the ground, the ball must not be placed on the tee.

If a player does not use the mat when so prescribed the penalty in match play is loss of hole.

Currently designated areas are

- All areas of fairway as defined by green lines
- The gulley to the right of the plateau when approaching the 9th Green

Penalty for playing ball from a Wrong Place in breach of Local
Rules: General Penalty (2 strokes or Loss of Hole), under Rule 14.7a.

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