

# LOCAL RULES for 2022

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**The Local Rules have been updated in line with the introduction of the New Rules of Golf 2019 and are effective from the 1st January 2019.**

## 1. OUT OF BOUNDS

A ball is out of bounds when it lies over any boundary or beyond any line marked with white posts or white lines.

## ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS

Items 3- 7 are Abnormal Course Conditions and are covered by Rules 15 and 16.

## 2. GROUND UNDER REPAIR (GUR)

Areas of Ground Under Repair (GUR) are marked with white paint lines. If a ball lies within any area of GUR the player **MUST** take relief under Rule 16. All temporary greens are GUR when they are not in play.

## 3. PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES

Trees with stakes or protective wraps are no play zones:

If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player **MUST** take relief under **Rule 16.1f**.

If the ball lies in a penalty area, and interference to the player's stance or area of intended swing exists from such a tree, the player must take relief either with penalty under **Rule 17.1e** or with free relief under **Rule 17.1e(2)**.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.**

## 4. SPRINKLER HEADS

Sprinkler heads are Immovable Obstructions. Relief can be taken if the sprinkler head interferes with the players stance or area of intended swing. No other relief is allowed under the Rules of Golf. **Rule 16.1**.

## 5. PATHS, ROADS & TYRE TRACKS

Made-up paths, roadways and buggy paths (dressed in stone, shell, tarmac or wood chips etc) are immovable obstructions. Relief may be taken at the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole. Tyre tracks are Ground Under Repair **Rule 16.1**.

The area between the blue line and the fence posts along the righthand side of the 17th is a buggy path. A ball lying on the path may be dropped without penalty at the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole.

## 6. AERATION HOLES

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

(a) A ball in General Area. The player may take relief under **Rule 16.1b**. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.

(b) A ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under **Rule 16.1d**.

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.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.**

## 7. PRACTICE AREA ADJACENT TO THE 9TH FAIRWAY

There are no restriction on practising on the course before a Match Play round but there are Restrictions on Stroke Play competitions and Rule 5.2a is modified in this way:

*“A player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds. However, the practice area to the left 9th fairway though an integral part of the course practice is allowed on the day of stroke-play competitions. Players using this practice area must not play practice strokes from the course side of the tree line that runs between the practice area and the 9th fairway”.*

**Penalty for Breach of this Local Rule:**

**Penalty for first breach: General Penalty (applied to the player's first hole).**

**Penalty for second breach: Disqualification.**

## 8. RANGE FINDERS

GPS, optical devices and smartphone App's are permitted in all competitions to measure distances. Players must not use any device, function or App to gauge or measure other conditions that might influence their play (e.g. elevation and wind speed and direction).

**Penalty for Breach of Rule 4.3a**

**Penalty for first breach from single act or related acts: General Penalty.**

**Penalty for second breach unrelated to first breach: Disqualification.**

This penalty applies even if the nature of the breach was entirely different than the breach resulting in the first penalty.

## 9. PREFERRED LIES (WINTER RULES)

*Are from the 1st October to the 30th April, though this can be varied dependant on course conditions. See external notice board outside of the Pro-Shop.*

When Preferred Lies are in force and a players ball lies in the General Area that is cut to fairway height or less the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball within 6 inches of the reference point (the spot where the ball was originally at rest). The ball must be marked before it is lifted. The ball may be cleaned **BUT** must not be placed nearer the hole than the reference point.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place: General Penalty under Rule 14.7a**

## 10. PLAY PROHIBITED

The following areas where Play is Prohibited:

- From any grass teeing area when temporary mats are in use.
- Players **MUST** not play from the regular grassed teeing areas or take their stance off of the mat.
- Players must not play from newly laid areas of turf and or newly seeded areas whether or not these are marked as GUR.

**Penalty for Breach of this Local Rule: General Penalty.**

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