

## Lytham Green Drive Golf Club – Local Rules 2021

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### 1. Out of Bounds (Local Rule A-1)

- Beyond any wall, fence, hedge, or line of white stakes defining the boundary of the course.
- On or beyond any white line defining the boundary of the course.
- When a player's ball is out of bounds Stroke-and-Distance relief **must** be taken **Rule 18.2** adding **one penalty stroke**.

### 2. Penalty Areas – 14<sup>th</sup> Hole (Local Rule B-2.1 and B-2.2)

- Penalty areas are marked by stakes, dots, or lines. When both stakes/dots and lines are used, the line defines the margin of the penalty area. Relief may be taken under **Rule 17.1d** adding **one penalty stroke**.
- When a penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary.
- The red penalty areas on the **14<sup>th</sup> hole** (marking the ditch across the fairway and to the right of the fairway next to the course boundary) have an extra relief option (**Local Rules B-2.1 and B2.2**). Lateral relief on the opposite side of the red penalty area may be taken adding **one penalty stroke**.

### 3. Dropping zones 2<sup>nd</sup> Hole (Local Rule E-1)

- On the 2nd hole, whilst the area behind the red penalty area is marked GUR dropping zones are available. The dropping zones are relief areas under **Rule 14.3**.
- If the ball lies in the **GUR** the player **must** take relief **Rule 16.1b** using the nearest dropping zone to where the ball lies.
- If the ball is in the **penalty area**, or it is virtually certain to be in the penalty area, the player may take stroke-and distance relief, **Rule 17.1d(1)**, adding **one penalty point** or use the dropping zone nearest to where the ball crossed the edge of the penalty area adding **one penalty point**. The use of lateral relief is not allowed whilst the dropping zones are in use.

### 4. Relief from Aeration Holes (Local Rule E-4)

- If a player's ball touches an aeration hole in the general area the player may take relief under **Rule 16.1b**.
- If a player's ball touches an aeration hole on the putting green the player may take relief under **Rule 16.1d**.

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### 5. Protection of Young Trees (Local Rule E-10)

- Young trees identified by wrapping, stakes or otherwise protected are no play zones and relief **must** be taken.
- 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 17.1d** or **Rule 17.2** or with free relief under **Rule 17.1.e(2)**.

### 6. Abnormal Course Conditions / Immovable Obstructions (Local Rule F-1)

- **Ground Under Repair** – Play prohibited and relief **must** be taken under **Rule 16.1b**
  - i. Any area bounded by a white line.
  - ii. Stone/gravel filled drainage ditches.
  - iii. Greenkeeper working (e.g., logs).
- **Ground Under Repair** – Relief **may** be taken under **Rule 16.1b**
  - i. Any area marked with blue stakes or blue lines.
  - ii. Any area of damaged ground (e.g., tractor marks / water damage) that is considered by a playing partner to be abnormal.
- **Immovable Obstructions** – Relief may be taken under **Rule 16.1b**
  - i. All artificially surfaced roads and paths on the course.
  - ii. Halfway House.
  - iii. On-course toilets.

### 7. Integral Objects (Local Rule F-1)

- All bridges spanning red and yellow penalty areas are an integral part of the course. Relief is available under **Rule 17.1d** **adding one penalty stroke**.

### 8. Suspension of Play (Local Rule J-1)

- The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:
  - i. Immediate stop for imminent danger – one prolonged note of the claxon.
  - ii. Stop for a non-dangerous situation – three consecutive notes of the claxon.
  - iii. Resumption of play – two consecutive notes of the claxon.

#### Penalty for breach of Local Rule J-1: Disqualification (Rule 5.7b and 5.7c)

- When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

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### 9. Preferred lies and relief procedures (Local Rules E-2 and E-3)

Notices will display when these Local Rules apply showing the period of relief. If a notice does not display, rules for preferred lies or lift and clean are **NOT** in use.

Please note that if a ball is Embedded in the General Area, relief is allowed under **Rule 16.3a** and **16.3b**.

- Preferred lies in the **general area cut to fairway height or less (Local Rule E-3)**

Free relief may be taken once by lifting and placing the ball six inches from the reference point, see the preferred lies notice for the relief area to use. **Rule 14.2b(2)** and **14.2e**.

- Preferred lies in **bunkers (Local Rule E-3)**

Whilst there are no rakes on the course, if the ball lies in a bunker a player may lift the ball and place it without penalty in the bunker within six inches of the spot of the original ball and no nearer the hole. The area cannot be smoothed before placing and the ball must be placed under **Rules 14.2b(2)** and **14.2e**.

- Lifting and cleaning the ball anywhere in the **general area (Local Rule E-2)**

When conditions such as wet ground conditions throughout parts of the course may cause mud to stick to the ball, **Local Rule E-2** may be invoked allowing the player to lift, clean and replace the area in the general area without penalty. The player **must** mark the spot before lifting the ball (**Rule 14.1**) and the ball must be replaced on its original spot under **Rule 14.2**.

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