

ASHFORD (KENT) GOLF CLUB (AKGC) LOCAL RULES

1. OUT OF BOUNDS & COURSE BOUNDARIES

Out of bounds (Rule 18.2) shall be defined by the line between the course side points at ground level of the white stakes and fence posts:-

- a) Bounding the course
- b) Behind the 18th green
- c) Marking the Practice area
- d) Plus the Car Park and the environs of the Clubhouse

(Rule 18)

Note:- Ball lost out of bounds:- Proceed Under Stroke and Distance Rules.

2. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

- a) The concrete retaining wall adjoining the pond between the 1st and the 17th fairways is an immovable obstruction – free relief under Rule 16.1b
- b) Wire mesh tee protection structures are immovable obstructions – free relief under Rule 16.1b
- c) Young trees. If a young tree (identified by a stake or plastic tubing) interferes with a player's stance or the area of intended swing, the ball MUST be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with Rule 16.1f free relief.
- d) Internal artificial features: All man-made structures including PATHS, ROADS, STEPS, BRIDGES, (unless in a penalty area). Free relief under Rule 16.1a.
- e) ONLY the water tank structure situated to the left of the 1st hole, and to the right of the 9th hole is an immovable structure. Free relief under Rule 16.

3. GROUND UNDER REPAIR (GUR)

- a) Ground under repair is defined by being encircled by a white line.
- b) Planted areas marked with a GUR sign.
- c) Areas in bunkers where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand are ground under repair.

4. PENALTY AREAS

- a) The penalty area on the right hand side of the 5th hole, where this is defined by red posts, players may take relief from the top of the area, where the ground breaks, as the red posts to the right of the 5th hole (but nowhere else) define the boundary of the penalty area. Rule 17 relief may be taken by reference to these posts.
- b) All other Penalty areas are defined by physical features, stakes are used to show where the penalty areas are but have no other meaning.
- c) Penalty areas on the course are defined as, on the course side of any concrete channels or wooden sleepers.
- d) The committee may from time to time define the boundary of other ponds or water courses by red lines. Where no such indication is given the boundary of the penalty area begins where the ground slopes down to form the depression that can hold water, where no concrete channels or sleepers are in place.
- e) If a player's ball is in a penalty area, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in the penalty area even though it is not found, the player has the standard relief options. **(Rule 17)**

5. EMBEDDED BALL

Players are entitled to free relief from an embedded ball, if the ball is in the general area, including the slopes down to water courses with sleepers or concrete channels. Rule 16.3a

6. DRAINAGE CHANNELS

All drainage channels situated on closely mown areas within the general area are deemed to be ground under repair from which play is prohibited. If a player's ball lies on this area, or if it interferes with the stance or intended swing, the player MUST take relief under Rule 16-1.

7. G.U.R – TEMPORARY GREENS

When the temporary green is not in use on each hole, the area of the course that has been prepared for the use as a temporary green, is ground under repair from which play is prohibited. If a player's ball lies in the area, or it interferes with the players stance or the area of their intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1

8. G.U.R.

All areas defined by a white line are deemed ground under repair, from which play is prohibited. If a player's ball lies in one of these areas, or it interferes with the player's stance or the area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1

NB There is no longer relief allowed for balls within 2 club lengths of sprinkler heads by the greens as this former local rule has been rescinded. Relief is now only available if the sprinkler head actually interferes with the stroke or stance of the player when playing towards the hole. Rule 16.1

150 yard markers are to the centre of the green