



## AMGC LOCAL RULES

The local rules and Temporary local rules currently in force are displayed in the Club House and Professional Shop. Abridged local rules are printed on the scorecard.

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These Local Rules override those on the current score cards and should be read in conjunction with any Temporary Local Rules currently in force.

### 1. Out of Bounds (Rule 2.1)

A ball is out of bound when it is:

- Beyond any wall, fence, railing or hedge bounding the course.
- Beyond any area defined as out of bounds by white posts or white lines.
- Beyond the rubberised pathway that runs from adjacent to the 1st Tee and around the front of the Clubhouse, behind the 18th green to adjacent the 9<sup>th</sup>.

### 2. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16)

The following are to be treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1

- The distance points at the teeing grounds, distance markers in the middle of the fairways and stakes, tubes, cages and the like supporting young trees are immovable obstructions.
- Any angled support or coiled barbed wire adjacent to a boundary fence is an immovable obstruction and not deemed to be part of the fence itself.
- All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially-surfaced.
- All parts of the watering system are deemed immovable whether fixed or not.

### 3. Abnormal Course Conditions

Any area marked by white lines or enclosed within white topped posts or where otherwise indicated by a notice is a **no play zone**.

### 4. Protection of Young Trees

The young trees identified by being supported or protected by a stake or other device such as a tube or cage, or identified by a yellow band 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).

### 5. Practice Areas (Rule 5.2a)

Rule 5.2a is modified in this way:

A player may practise on the practice area to the right of the 8th fairway course before or between rounds.

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



## TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES

Last Update January 2020

**The following rules apply when indicated by the club.**

### PREFERRED LIES AND WINTER RULES

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:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
- Must be in the general area.

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.

### RELIEF FOR EMBEDDED BALL

(Rule 16.3 applies)

### AERATION HOLES

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

- 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) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

**But** 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.

### CRACKS IN THE GROUND

Cracks in the ground in parts of the general area cut to fairway height or less are ground under repair. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

**But** interference does not exist if the crack only interferes with the player's stance.

### NEW: RELIEF FROM TYRE MARKS

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area where there are tyre marks the player may take free relief. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

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



## TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES

Update January 2021

**The following rules apply, when indicated by the club, as a result of the course set up during the Covid-19 Pandemic.**

### NEW: RELIEF FROM ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION IN A BUNKER

When a player's ball lies in a Bunker 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:

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 cannot be smoothed before placing.

### Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16)

The following are to be treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1

- The distance posts located along the fairway.

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

### NEW: TEMPORARY POLICY: CODE OF CONDUCT

#### Flagstick

Flagsticks will remain in place but **MUST NOT BE TOUCHED**. The depth of the hole will be modified to prevent the ball from falling completely into the hole cup and to allow players to remove the ball without touching the flagstick.

### QUALIFYING SCORES DURING THE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

During the Covid-19 Pandemic, when the Club indicates that Qualifying Competition and Supplementary Scores can re-commence, scores submitted for handicap purposes will be accepted when following these local rules. CONGU Decision 23 March 2020. Plus updates on 5th & 11th May, 1st July and 11th November 2020.

#### Scoring in Stroke Play (Rule 3.3b)

On a temporary basis, during the Covid-19 Pandemic players may enter their own hole scores on the scorecard. It is not necessary for a marker to do it. Also, it is not necessary to have a marker physically certify the player's hole scores, but some form of verbal certification should take place. This must be noted on the scorecard together with the name of the person providing the verbal certification. R&A Guidance on the Rules of Golf - Covid-19 20 March 2020 and CONGU update 11 November 2020.

CONGU is the authorised association for the application of the WHS Rules of Handicapping as applied within GB&I

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