
WETHERBY GOLF CLUB

LOCAL RULES

1. OUT of BOUNDS

- a) Beyond any fence or hedge bounding the course. Where the out of bounds is defined by a hedge, the boundary line is considered to be the inside line of the hedge trunks at ground level.
- b) Beyond any line of white stakes or fence with white painted posts.
- c) During play of the 5th hole the stakes and trench identifying the out of bounds on the left of the 6th hole are deemed to be immovable obstructions.
- d) During play on the 11th hole, on or at the base of the railway embankment beyond the Tee area; to the right of any line/markings on the path crossing the ditch; in or over the drainage ditch beyond the path.
- e) In, on or over all trenches or fences adjacent to the railway embankment (Holes 12, 13 & 14) or the trench on the flood bank when playing the 6th hole (only).
- f) During play of the 12th hole, beyond the tarmac path to the right of the 12th hole.
- g) During play on the 18th hole, on or at the base of the railway embankment from the ditch to the end of the embankment towards the green.
- h) In or over the river adjacent to the 1st, 2nd, 7th, and 8th holes.
- i) **Black topped, white stakes** do not define OOB but only identify the presence of OOB.

Note that for the following Local Rules, the Penalty for Playing a Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule is the General Penalty under Rule 14.7a

2. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS

In General Area (GUR)

All areas encircled by white lines, blue stakes or identified by a GUR notice. (Rule 16.1b 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.

Tractor and Heavy Machinery Damage

Anywhere on the course other than in a bunker or in a Penalty Area, damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by tractors or heavy machinery is ground under repair. (Rule 16.1b Applies)

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Roads and Paths

Artificially surfaced roads and paths (including wood chip) are immovable obstructions under Abnormal Course Conditions. (Rule 16.1b applies).

3. DROPPING ZONES

Hole 1

During play of this hole, if the protective fence on the Ebor Way or the Halfway House is on a player's line of play:

- The player may take free relief by dropping a ball in and playing it from the designated dropping zone markings.
- **But** this relief is allowed only if the ball is in play nearer the hole than where the dropping zone is located (see Rule 14.3).

Hole 14

A ball which lies near the Out of Bounds fence behind the 14th green and is deemed to be unplayable because of interference from the fence, may be dropped, with a one stroke penalty, in the nearest dropping zone. This is within two club lengths of the marked fence post.

The ball must be redropped if

- (i) it does not first strike a part of the course within the Relief Area.
- (ii) it rolls and comes to rest outside the Relief Area.

In this case, if the ball rolls and comes to rest outside the Relief Area, the ball must be dropped again (Rule 14.3c)

4. PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES IDENTIFIED BY STAKES OR SHEATHS.

Young trees identified by stakes or sheaths are *no play zones*. Compulsory relief must be taken under rule 16.1b.

5. BUNKERS & BLUE FLAGS

Flooded bunkers are identified individually by a Blue Flag and are ground under repair in the general area. It is not treated as a bunker during the round.

If the player's ball lies in or touches the bunker and interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.

All other bunkers on the course, whether they contain temporary water or not, are still bunkers for all purposes under the Rules.

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6. PRACTICE AREAS.

Practice on the day of and prior to a round is permitted under Rule 5.2b.
The following are deemed to be Practice areas.

- 1) The area before the Ebor Way and between the trees to the right of the 18th fairway and the railway embankment
- 2) The chipping/putting green and driving nets to the left of the 18th green

7. PENALTY AREAS ...DITCHES, WATER ETC.

Penalty Areas on holes 1, 6, 9, 17, 18 and the ditch behind hole 3 and the ones running across holes 9, 10 and 18 are marked out with RED or YELLOW stakes.

Supplementary Information re Paths and Penalty Areas

All paths with artificial surfaces are deemed to be Immovable Obstructions.
Free relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b.

The stone chip areas adjacent to the 18th bridge are not in the Penalty Area.
Free relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b.

All water crossings with artificial surfaces are in the Penalty Area.
Relief, under penalty of one stroke, is available under Rule 17.1b.
The ball may be played as it lies without penalty.