

# LOCAL RULES

## Out of Bounds

Any area beyond the boundaries of the course is Out of Bounds and is marked by white posts. Rule 27

Internal out of bounds apply on holes 6, 7, 9, 15, 16 and 18 on the main course.

## Penalty Areas

Penalty Areas are marked with red or yellow markers. Rule 17.

## Protection of young trees.

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

Exception:

This local rule will not apply for club competitions and rounds played for handicap purposes.

## Immovable Obstructions

Watering points, inspection covers, seating, hard standings and surfaced cart paths are considered Immovable Obstructions and relief may be taken under Rule 16.1

## Temporary Immovable Obstructions

**a) Watering reel or hose.** Any player whose stroke strikes the watering reel or hose, may replay the shot from the same position without penalty, substituting another ball to do so if necessary.

Alternatively, the player may accept any deflection of the ball as a result of the original stroke as 'the rub of the green' and play his/her next shot from wherever the ball comes to rest.

A player's ball touching or lying close to the watering reel or hose in such a way as to cause interference to the player's stance, intended swing or line of play may be lifted, cleaned and dropped without penalty, within one club length of the nearest point that avoids the interference but not nearer the hole under Rule 16.1a.

## Temporary Movable Obstructions

### Posts, ropes and metal frames protecting approach to green

**a)** Any player whose shot strikes a rope, post or metal frame protecting the approach of any green, may replay the stroke from the original spot where the ball was played without penalty, substituting another ball to do so if necessary, under Rule 16.1a

Alternatively, the golfer may accept any deflection of the ball as a result of the original stroke as 'the rub of the green' and play his/her next shot from where the ball comes to rest.

**b)** A player whose ball touches or lies close to posts, ropes or metal frames in that they interfere with the player's stance, intended swing or line of play but whose previous stroke **did not strike a post, rope or frame**, may temporarily move the post, rope or frame without penalty, to play the next stroke under Rule 15.2a.

## **Abnormal Course Conditions**

### **a) Vehicle tracks**

When a player's ball lies on hard ground caused by vehicles, on vehicle tracks through the green or the condition interferes with the player's stance or swing, relief without penalty may be taken under Rule 16.1b

### **b) Aeration holes/drainage lines**

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole or lies in a drainage line where the turf has been cut and filled with sand/shingle filler;

a) In the general area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole or drainage line the player may re-drop without penalty under the rule.

**b) On the 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 player's line of play.

## **Alternative to Stroke & Distance for ball lost or Out of Bounds**

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, a player may take relief under penalty of two strokes, from the point at -

**a) The Ball Reference Point.** within two club lengths of where the original ball is estimated to have come to rest or crossed the out of bounds boundary or within two club lengths of a line from the hole through the reference point.

**b) The Fairway Reference point.** within two club lengths of the edge of the fairway nearest the ball reference point but not nearer the hole.

Exceptions:

**a)** This local rule **will not apply** for club competitions and rounds played for handicap purposes.

**b)** When the ball is known or virtually certain to have landed in a penalty area.

**c)** The player has played a provisional ball at penalty of stroke and distance (Rule 18.3) but may take relief for a provisional ball lost or out of bounds.

## **Distance measuring devices.**

The use of distance measuring devices in competitions is allowed, **except** when they are designed to give additional information such as ground gradients, temperature or wind conditions, that might aid the user during play. Rule 4.3

## **Penalty for breach of Local Rule**

Match Play – loss of hole; Stroke Play – two strokes.

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