

WINTER PLAY

During the colder and wetter months of late Autumn and Winter as the conditions on the course become more difficult, the following Local Rules and procedures will be applied as appropriate to ensure pace of play, help players enjoy their game, and to protect the golf course.

Preferred Lies

The Preferred Lies period under Local Rule, will be in place for the period 1st October – 30th April (as determined by England Golf). Players may mark, clean and replace their ball in the following circumstances.

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: original position of ball.

Relief area: 6"/15cm from reference point but not nearer the hole under Rule 14.2b(2) and 14.2e

Note: The ball must be marked before lifting (Rule 14.1). Penalty for failing to mark ball or for moving the ball in any other way – 1 Stroke.

Once placed the ball is in play.

Embedded ball

When a player's ball is embedded in the general area, free relief may be taken under Rule 16.3a

Reference point: immediately behind the embedded ball.

Relief Area: ball to be dropped within one club length from reference point but not nearer the hole.

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.

Teeing mats and temporary greens

On occasion teeing mats or temporary greens may be necessary on the course, However, provided there are no more than two temporary greens and the overall

course length is not reduced by more than 100 yards, rounds for handicap purposes may still be played.

Fog on the course

Billingsbear Park Golf Course is not responsible for the safety of golfers who choose to play in foggy conditions. A golfer who play when there is fog on the course does so at their own risk and is solely responsible for injury or damage caused by them to another golfer or his/her equipment..

On occasions when the landing area of the ball is obscured by fog or low-lying mist, each player **MUST** ensure the landing area of the ball is clear before playing their stroke.

When in doubt, is recommended that the player walks forward to check it is safe to play before returning and making the stroke.

Abnormal whole-course conditions

To protect the course during very wet conditions on the course, golfers may be required to tee-up everywhere when making a stroke except for greens, penalty areas.

When this requirement is in force no rounds may be used for handicap purposes and all competitions will be declared Non-qualifying.

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