

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.

Immovable Obstructions

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

Temporary Immovable Obstructions

Watering reel or hose.

a) Under Local Rule, any player whose ball strikes the watering reel, sprinkler or hose, may replay the stroke without penalty from the spot where the original ball was played or as near to that position as can be estimated. If the original ball is not immediately recoverable, the replacement ball, once placed, becomes the ball in play for the remainder of that hole.

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 their next shot from wherever the ball comes to rest

b) A ball touching or lying close to the watering reel, sprinkler 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 the approach to the green

a) Under Local Rule, any player whose shot strikes a rope, post or metal frame protecting the approach of a green, may replay the stroke without penalty from the spot where the original ball was played or as near to that position as can be estimated. If the original ball is not immediately recoverable, the ball placed for the stroke, becomes the ball in play for the remainder of that hole

Alternatively, the golfer may accept any deflection, as a result of the original stroke, as 'the rub of the green' and play their 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 vehicle tracks through the green, 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 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.

Drop Zone - 15th tee.

If a player's ball is known or virtually certain to be in the lake (penalty area) in front of the 15th tee even though not found, the player may opt for one of the following relief options under penalty of one stroke.

1) The player may take relief under Rule 17.1d (Stroke and distance) and may play the original ball or another, from where the original ball was played, under Rule 14.6a, the ball may be teed.

2) The player may drop the original ball or another in the correct manner, in the marked drop zone. If the ball comes to rest in the relief area it must then be played as it lies. If the ball comes to rest outside the relief area, the player must follow procedures under Rule 14.3c(2).

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

Modification of penalty under Rule 3.3b(2) for missing player or marker certification.

Rule 3.3b(2) is modified in this way:

If a player returns a scorecard without the hole scores being certified either by the player, the marker or both, the player gets a general penalty (two strokes). The penalty applies to the last hole of the player's round.

Please note: as cards are not checked until after competition or General Play scores has been submitted, any penalty will be applied retrospectively, a corrected score uploaded to WHS and the player also informed.

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

Penalty for breach of Local Rule

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

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