



## LOCAL RULES 25

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Play the ball as it lies. Play the course as you find it, and if you cannot do either, do what is fair. But to do what is fair, you **MUST PLAY BY THE RULES**

- (1) All gardens and mulched areas are IN PLAY and players may proceed under **RULE 19 (UNPLAYABLE LIE) (PENALTY)**. The garden around the tree where the concrete path is between number 1 green and the tee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> is GUR. Exception: If a ball lies in the ornamental gardens (with continuous borders between the 16<sup>th</sup> green & 17<sup>th</sup> tee, or if these gardens or it's borders interferes with a players stance or the area of intended swing, the player must take relief under **RULE 16 (NO PENALTY)**
- (2) **PENALTY AREA'S** are marked by RED LINES or STAKES
- (3) **STAKED TREES:** Protection of staked or young trees identified with stakes and/or plastic sheet. If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or the area of the intended swing, the ball must be lifted without penalty and dropped in accordance with **RULE 16 (IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION) (NO PENALTY)**. A woodchip basin surrounding a tree or shrub that is either staked and/or protected by a plastic sheet is considered to be a part of the obstruction.
- (4) **BARE PATCHES ON THE FAIRWAYS:** All bare dirt patches on the closely mown areas of the fairway **on the fairway being played** are to be treated as GUR. This rule DOES NOT apply to divots repaired or not.
- (5) **IRRIGATION AND WATERING DEVICES:** Water Winches, portable pumps and associated equipment (i.e All hoses, guide pegs, cables). If any of these items of equipment interferes with a player's ball, stance or area of intended swing, relief must be taken without penalty by dropping a ball within **ONE CLUB LENGTH** at the nearest point of relief no nearer the hole. **Players must not MOVE or INTERFERE with any irrigation or watering device.** A ball may be replayed if it hits any of the stated equipment

- (6) **FIXED IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT:** Sprinkler heads, Irrigation Control Posts and Irrigation Control Towers are immovable obstructions. **RULE 16** applies. **1 Club length relief, no nearer the hole (NO PENALTY)**
- (7) **STAKES: Green Stakes** with ropes and **White Hoops** for controlling motorised carts are moveable obstructions and may be removed if interfering with the player's stance or area of intended swing. These stakes, ropes and hoops are to be replaced. All other stakes, pegs and posts are **Immovable Obstructions RULE 16 applies (NO PENALTY)**. If a ball hits any **GREEN PEGS** or **WHITE HOOPS** that are placed to protect a regrowth area on the Fairways, the ball may be replayed without penalty, but you must play your second ball.
- (8) **EMBEDDED ROCKS AND EXPOSED TREE ROOTS.** A ball lying on or near an embedded rock or exposed tree root on the closely mown areas of the fairway which may damage the club or player when playing a stroke, or which interferes with the players swing or stance, may be lifted and dropped within **(ONE) club length** not nearer the hole **WITHOUT PENALTY. RULE 16** applies.
- (9) **GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** If a ball lies within an area marked by a continuous **WHITE LINE, GUR signage or WHITE PEGS**, if any of these areas interfere with the players stance or area of his intended swing, the ball may be dropped within 1 club length of the nearest point of relief **NO NEARER THE HOLE**. You can drop your ball outside this without penalty.
- (10) **LOCAL RULE FOR 16<sup>TH</sup> HOLE:** To avoid **SLOW PLAY THE FOLLOWING LOCAL RULE APPLIES:** From the Tee if you **believe your ball may have entered the penalty area on the left but you did not physically see it enter the penalty area you are required to hit a provisional ball from the tee. FAILURE TO DO THIS MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**
- (11) **CONCRETE DRAINAGE PIPES AND CONCRETE ABUTMENTS:** All concrete drainage pipes and concrete pipe abutments not part of hazards are deemed to be an integral part of the course and relief may be taken under **RULE 19 (UNPLAYABLE LIE) (PENALTY)**

(12) **TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER BETWEEN 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> HOLES.** The Tower and the enclosure are deemed to be Immovable Obstructions and relief may be taken under **RULE 16 (IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION) (NO PENALTY)**

(13) **PATHWAYS:** Any ball laying on any concrete path or buggy path, an animal hole, ground under repair, an immovable obstruction, or temporary water (**Abnormal Ground Condition**) you may take relief under **RULE 16 (NO PENALTY)**.

(14) **CODE OF CONDUCT:** This may be found in the front of the programme book

(15) **RELIEF FROM THE WRONG GREEN:** Further to **RULE 13.1.F**, the area defined as the “wrong green” is extended to the closely mown areas surrounding the green i.e the fringe or collar. This extension of the defined area of the green applies only in furtherance to **RULE 13.1.F** and therefore cannot be used in conjunction with any other of the rules of golf.

(16) **FLAG COLOURS:**

**BLUE: FRONT**

**YELLOW: MIDDLE**

**RED: BACK**

(17) The area between holes 6 and 7 are play as it lies. It is not a hazard area anymore.

(18) The OOB pegs near the 18<sup>th</sup> green have now been shifted to go behind the 10<sup>th</sup> Tee.

(19) The drain on the 14<sup>th</sup> Hole before the green is not classed as fairway, therefore if your ball happens to land on the bare/dirt patches, you are not entitled to a drop. Also near the water on the left, if your ball lands in the dirt in front of the rocks you are not entitled to a drop. Also to the right of the cart path where it is bare, you are not entitled to a drop as it is not classed as fairway or cart path, so you must play it as it lies

(20) **OOB PEGS:** OOB pegs all have a black top on them. If you see any white pegs with ribbon or just plain white they are surveyors pegs NOT OOB

(21) **MOTORISED CARTS AND RIDE ON GOLF VEHICLES** must stay **outside of the cart lines in front, side & back of GREENS AT ALL TIMES.** Golf Carts and Ride on Golf Vehicles must not be driven on any Tees. Please stay to paths where possible

**LOCAL RULE FOR LADIES ONLY: MAXIMUM SCORE FOR LADIES ONLY IS NOW IN PLAY FOR ALL STROKE EVENTS. MAXIMUM SCORE IS 12 AND MUST BE RECORDED ON CARD IF YOU TAKE THIS OPTION. REFER TO RULE 21.2**

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE**

**MATCH PLAY: LOSS OF HOLE**

**STROKE PLAY: GENERAL PENALTY (2 STROKES)**

**RED STAKES OR LINES: PENALTY AREAS 2 CLUB LENGTHS RELIEF.**

**PENALTY WHITE STAKES OR LINES: GUR AREAS 1 CLUB LENGTH RELIEF NO PENALTY**

**WHITE STAKES WITH BLACK TOPS: OUT OF BOUNDS 1 STROKE PENALTY, REPLAY SHOT FROM WHERE YOU HIT FROM (STROKE AND DISTANCE)**

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