



## **LOCAL RULES (updated 29/07/2019)**

### **A-1 Defining Boundaries**

#### **Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)**

- Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes with black tops and fence posts. Out of bounds is also defined by white paint with a black top as marked on any other structures, trees, tee boxes or fences.
- The boundary on hole 4 & 5 is defined by the roadside protection screens 'parallel to the hole direction. (for clarity the screens that jut out onto the fairway at an angle are immovable obstructions from you which you can take swing and stance relief only (no line of play relief))
- The boundary on the left hand side of the 7<sup>th</sup> hole is defined by the fence on the far side of the Red Penalty Area (the 'canal').
- The boundary on the left side of the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> is defined by the course-side edge of the white posts with black top, and the markings white with black top painted markings on the wooden structure of the tee boxes on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

NOTE: Objects defining out of bounds are NOT obstructions and are deemed to be fixed (i.e No Free relief). The angled supports of a boundary fence ARE obstructions. Where boundary fence posts have concrete bases, out of bounds is defined by the posts (NOT the concrete bases). Additionally, the concrete bases are NOT obstructions.

### **B-1 Defining Penalty Areas**

#### **Penalty Areas (Rule 17) Red & Yellow Penalty Area were previously known as Red & Yellow Water Hazards**

When playing the holes, 1, 2, 6 & 7 the Yellow Penalty Area is defined by yellow markings on the concrete edge of the canal and extends from the out of bounds fence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole to the bend of the canal on 7<sup>th</sup> hole where the red markings are signify the commencement of the Red Penalty Area.

- When playing hole 7, the Red Penalty Area is marked and defined from the corner/bend of the canal near the tee marked with red paint to where the canal meets the boundary fence behind the 7<sup>th</sup> green.

NOTE: When both stakes and lines are used to define penalty areas, the stakes define the penalty area and the line the margin.

#### **B-2 Relief on Opposite Side of Red Penalty Area (in addition to options under Rule 17.1d)**

With regard to the Red Penalty Area on the left hand side of hole 7. In the case where a ball lands in the Red Penalty Area on hole 7 and the margin of the Red Penalty area last crossed by the ball is on housing side of the canal, an extra relief option is available, by adding one penalty stroke, the player may drop the original ball or another ball on the opposite side of the penalty area to where it last crossed the margin e.g. it bounced in from the out of bounds side of the boundary fence into the canal. This option allows you to play from the equidistant fairway side, rather than going back to the tee,

- Reference Point: The estimated point on the opposite edge of the penalty area that is the same distance from the hole as the estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the Red Penalty Area.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: Two club-lengths, but with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
  - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
  - May be in any area of the course except the same penalty area, but
  - If more than one area of the course is located within two club-lengths of the reference point, the ball must come to rest in the relief area in the same area of the course that the ball first touches when dropped in the relief area.

### **E-1 Dropping Zones**

**A)** If a ball is in the ground under repair at the behind the greens of hole 12 or hole 15 marked by white stakes, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the ground under repair, the player must:

- Take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone, using the nearest drop zone. There are two drop zones located at the end of EACH the G.U.R. area. The drop zones are box shaped and marked by white paint. If the paint has been washed away or not visible dropping in its approximate location is allowed. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

NOTE: This is a free relief option, but does NOT apply if your ball goes into the canal behind the marked G.U.R. section. The G.U.R. does NOT extend to the bushes adjacent to the 16 tee it finishes where it meets the boundary fence before the bushes. If your ball is in the bushes next to the 16<sup>th</sup> tee, then your options are:

- the ball must be played as it lies, or
- under penalty, relief maybe taken under Rule 19 Unplayable Ball. The options under 19.2 are
  - a) Stroke and distance - play from where last shot was played.
  - b) Back on the Line Relief - drop as far back as you like based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through the spot of the original ball.
  - c) Lateral Relief - Two club lengths no nearer the hole from the spot of the original ball.

**B)** If interference to a player's stance or swing by the Protection Fence between 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> tees. There is the option of the drop zone at end of fence to the North West (toward 15 fairway / green)

### **E-10 Protection of Young Trees**

The young trees identified by Stakes or protection or any artificial guard are no play zones:

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

NOTE in the general area relief is to be taken as per rule 14.3. In short the nearest point of complete relief and the drop/relief area is 1 club length box form that point no closer to the hole

## **F-1 Defining Abnormal Course Conditions and Integral Objects**

### **Abnormal Course Conditions (including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)**

- Ground under repair is defined by any area encircled by a white lines / paint or white stakes/post or light blue stakes. Painted lines maybe dots, broken or unbroken.
- Ground under repair includes dead/bare patches on closely mown parts of the general area (closely mown means areas cut to fairway height or less).This does not include divots.
- Ground under repair includes ornamental garden beds surrounded by a border. (Located ONLY on the tee boxes for holes 1, 11, 12, 18 and the practice green.
- Immovable obstructions; Tap covers, sprinkler heads, tee markers, notice boards, grates, green keeper's equipment and sheds, cement tanks, power boxes, distance markers, artificial surfaces and side of roads and paths, seats, rubbish bins, concrete formations pertaining to the canal and bay, internal wire protection screens and all non-boundary stakes are classed as immovable obstructions and relief is taken as per Rule 16.1b

Note Free Relief form an Immovable Obstruction is not available whilst your ball is within the margins of the penalty area (canal), which includes when on the bridges and within the margins of the penalty area. Paths that are defined as Immovable obstructions must have defined borders or defined by crushed gravel purposely laid in that location. All hoops and chains used to protect greens and tees are classed as movable obstructions.

### **Integral Objects**

- Mulched/bark areas NOT in a 'bordered garden', paths & tracks other than those within borders, or defined by crushed gravel. (No free relief).

### **F-9 Relief from Tree Roots in Fairway**

- If a player's ball in the general area has interference from tree roots in the fairway on a close mown portion free relief is available under Rule 16.1b. But interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance.

### **F-10 Damage by Animals**

- On the putting green, areas of damage caused by Birds are treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1d.

NOTE: Interference does not exist if the damage only interferes with the player's stance.

## Distance Measuring Devices

- 4-3a Distance and Directional Information.  
Allowed: Getting information on distance or direction (such as from a distance-measuring device or compass).  
Not Allowed: Measuring elevation changes, or
- Interpreting distance or directional information (such as using a device to get a recommended line of play or club selection based on the location of the player's ball).

## Mobile Phones

- Can be used as a distance measuring devices only and must be switched to silent mode on the course unless special permission has been granted

## NEAREST POINT OF RELIEF

There may be many points near to where the ball lies, some good and some bad, but the nearest point of relief is **ALWAYS THE CLOSEST** no nearer the hole. Remember, it's the *nearest point* of relief and **not the "nicest point of relief"**. The nearest point may put you onto gravel, behind a tree, in a bush, or up against a different Immovable Obstruction, it is NOT the nearest piece of nice grass with a good line on it. Sometimes playing it where it lies is a good option. You must always take full and complete relief from the Condition at hand.

## DRESS REGULATIONS

All members shall comply with the following dress regulations. The following dress is not permitted on the golf course at any time: training or athletic shorts; denim shorts or jeans; singlets; thongs or football gear (i.e. shorts, jumpers or socks).

Ladies must not wear leotards, brief tops or brief shorts at any time. Whilst men cannot wear denim shorts, neat tidy shorts including denim are acceptable attire for ladies as long as they are not brief and not the 'blue jean' type of shorts. These rules will apply to all members and visitors.

## SLOW PLAY

When a group fails to maintain their position in the field and falls more than one (1) hole behind (and does not invite the following group to pass through either voluntarily or by request from the following players), EACH PLAYER in that group may, at the discretion of the Club Captain, relevant Vice-Captain or relevant Match Committee, for failing to observe the rules of golf. Penalty for first breach: One penalty stroke. Penalty for second breach: General Penalty (2 strokes). Penalty for third breach: Disqualification.

***That means if you are 1 hole behind you MUST invite the group behind you through, and or let them through at their request.***

## COMPLAINTS (Golf related, for the Captain and or one of the match committees to review)

Complaints on any golfing matter are to be in writing and be handed to the Captain, relevant Vice-Captain or relevant Match Committee immediately on completion of the round, or if not available to the bar staff with instruction that they must provide the written complaint to a Committee member at the first opportunity. Complainants should advise the other party of their intentions to report the matter to the Match Committee. To enable proper review and investigation, a written complaint should include the date, time and location, the details of the issue/offence, and details of any other witnesses.

## COMPLAINTS (Club related, for the board to review)

Complaints on any non golf related matter are to be in writing and be handed to the Secretary manger, Director or bar staff with instruction. Complainants should advise the other party if applicable of their intentions to report the matter to the Match. To enable proper review and investigation, a written complaint should include the date, time and location, the details of the issue/offence, and details of any other witnesses.

## TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES

### To see if in force check the notice board at the Pro Shop

#### E-3 Preferred Lies

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: Spot of the original ball.
- Distance: One scorecard length or 15 centimetres from the reference point, **but** with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
  - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
  - Must be in the general area.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b (2) and 14.2e.

#### E-1 Dropping Zones. (the GUR in front of the 4<sup>th</sup> green, front right of the 5<sup>th</sup> green and right hand side of the 7<sup>th</sup> green)

**A)** If a ball is in the ground under repair **in front of the 4<sup>th</sup> green or front right of the 5<sup>th</sup> green or in the GUR to the right of the 7<sup>th</sup> green (marked by white lines)**, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the ground under repair, the player **may**:

- Take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone, using the *nearest* drop zone. There are drop zones located to the side of these G.U.R. areas. The drop zones are box shaped and marked by white paint. If the paint has been washed away or not visible dropping in its approximate location is allowed. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
- Play the ball as it lies