

LOCAL RULES

with effect from Monday 6 Nov 23

OUT OF BOUNDS:

Out of bounds is defined as:

- On or beyond the white line and/or white posts: on all paths, artificial or paved, surrounding the Clubhouse or leading to the Professional shop and down to the trolley shed at the first tee, the car park and practice areas.
- All boundary fences and hedges of the course. Where the out of bounds is defined by a hedge, the boundary line is deemed to be the inside line of the hedge trunks at ground level.

The white posts with black tops to the rear of the 9th and 18th greens and to the left of the 3rd green indicate nearby out of bounds and are movable obstructions.

PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES:

Young trees identified by stakes 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 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.

RELIEF FROM TREE ROOTS IN FAIRWAY:

If a player's ball on, or within two club lengths of, the fairway has interference from exposed tree roots, free relief is available under Rule 16.1b. But interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN:

In addition to the types of interference described in Rule 16.1a, when a ball lies in the general area, interference also exists if an immovable obstruction, such as a fixed sprinkler head, is on the player's line of play, is within two club-lengths of the putting green and is within two club-lengths of the ball. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. (Exception-There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.)

NO PLAY ZONES:

Any area of Ground Under Repair is a no play zone when encircled by a white line, and also identified with a blue stake. Complete relief must be taken under 16.1f.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY:

A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by one long blast of a klaxon horn. All other suspensions will be signalled by two short blasts of a klaxon horn. In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by multiple blasts of a klaxon horn.

DECORATIVE PLANTED AREAS

Decorative planted areas on the course bordered by immovable obstructions (logs), including everything growing within the area, are to be treated as a single abnormal course condition from which play is prohibited and relief must be taken under Rule 16.1f.

DRAINAGE WORKS

Drain Lines and works on the 3rd, 4th, 9th and 13th hole are defined as Ground Under Repair. The player may take relief under Rule 16 1b.

MANDATORY USE of MATS

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less and a putter is not being used for the stroke, the ball **must** be lifted, placed on and played from an Astroturf, or similar type, of mat. The mat must be placed as near as possible to where the ball originally lay, and the ball must be placed on the mat. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

If the ball on the mat is accidentally moved before a stroke is made, there is no penalty, and the ball must be placed again on the mat. If a tee is used to secure the mat into the ground, the ball must not be placed on the tee. Fairway mats on tees are not allowed, although an artificial teeing area/mat is acceptable.

Mats may not be used in the rough.

PREFERRED LIES

(May be used for Putter when Mandatory Mat LR is in place)

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.

Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: 6 inches from the reference point, but with these limits:

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

CLEANING BALL IN THE GENERAL AREA

When a player's ball lies in the general area, the ball may be lifted, cleaned and replaced without penalty. The player must mark the spot before lifting the ball (see Rule 14.1) and the ball must be replaced on its original spot (see Rule 14.2).

NO PLAY ZONE (NPZ)

The area defined by bounded by ropes and a white line to the left and short of the 13th Green, is a no play zone that is treated as an abnormal course condition. Relief must be taken from interference by the no play zone under [Rule 16.1f](#)"

DROPPING ZONE

If a player's ball is in the No Play Zone in the roped off area to the left and short of the 13th Green, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the NPZ, the player has these relief options:

- The player may take relief under [Rule 16.1](#), or
- As an extra option, the player may take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the nearest dropping zone to where the ball came to rest, or if not found, where the ball is estimated to have last crossed the edge of the NPZ. The two dropping zones are marked by white lines and designated 'DZ' to the left of the roped off area. The dropping zone is a relief area under [Rule 14.3](#).

ROPES AND STAKES

All ropes and supporting stakes are moveable obstructions.