



LOCAL RULES

(To be read in conjunction with the of the Rules of Golf effective January 2022)

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18.2)

- (a) Those areas beyond the boundary fences of the course.
- (b) Those areas beyond the inside line of white stakes with **black** tops bounding the course.
- (c) The area to the right of the concrete edging of the cart path on the 8th and to the left of the 10th.
- (d) The clubhouse and carpark

2. PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17)

- (a) All penalty areas are deemed to be Red Penalty Areas and are defined by red stakes. All water holes on the course are Red Penalty Areas the penalty area is defined by the drop off the water hole.

3. STAKED TREES (Model Local Rule E10)

As per (Model Local Rule E-10), free relief **must** be taken from any staked tree that interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing. The player must take relief under Rule 16.1f.

Exception – A player may not obtain relief under this Local Rule if (a) it is clearly unreasonable for him to play a stroke because of interference by anything other than such tree or shrub, or (b) interference by such tree or shrub would occur only through use of an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing, or direction of play.

Note – The stakes or guards protecting such trees/shrubs are immovable obstructions.

4. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 16.1)

The following are classified as immovable obstructions:

- (a) Tee markers, tee signs, seats, tree guards, tree stakes, sand bins, permanent rope safety fences and all buildings on the course.
- (b) Roads and Pathways – Only those clearly defined by concrete edges or are artificially surfaced with concrete, bitumen, or decomposed granite surfaces are classified as immovable obstructions. Worn areas, even if they are tracks made by carts, are not covered by this local rule.
- (c) Road to right of 5th green – A ball coming to rest on this road may be lifted and dropped in the nearest drop zone.
- (d) Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction (e.g., sprinkler head) may be taken under Rule 16.1.

The player also has the extra option to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play:

Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play, and is within two club-lengths of the putting green, and within two club-lengths of the ball. (Model Local Rule F-5)

Exception - No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

- (e) V Drain on 3rd, 4th and 18th holes

This drain is classified as an immovable obstruction. The margins of the obstruction are defined by the outer edge of the concrete.

Relief for a ball that enters the water in this drain is to be taken at the point of entry into the water.

- (f) Plastic root barriers – relief may be taken if the barrier interferes with player's swing. (Holes 2, 4, 16, 17 & 18) Free relief may not be taken from root barriers within a penalty area.

5. GROUND UNDER REPAIR (Rule 25)

- (a) Areas in a bunker obviously damaged by kangaroo's place in the bunker at the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole.
- (b) A bunker that has a GUR sign placed in it indicates that the whole bunker is GUR free relief may be taken.

6. NO PLAY ZONE (Rule 2.4)

- (a) (All garden beds that are defined by Green Stakes with White tops, afford a compulsory drop without penalty, except where the garden is within the bounds of a penalty area. Relief is to be taken under Rule 16.1b in this circumstance.
- (b) Temporary Green 16th hole free relief must be taken to nearest point of full relief, no nearer the hole.

7. ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE FOR LOST BALL OR BALL OUT OF BOUNDS

(Model Local Rule E-5)

As per (Model Local Rule E-5) if a player's ball is lost or out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows. For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping a ball at the point on the fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point but is not nearer the hole.

The Ball Reference Point is the point where the original ball, if lost, is estimated to have come to rest on the course, or if out of bounds, last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.

Exception - A player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when the original ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or the player has played a provisional ball. A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has also been lost or is out of bounds.

8. Movable Obstructions (Rule 15.2)

- (a) All cart directional signs, distance markers, Penalty area stakes and all other cart directional equipment such as temporary rope fences are deemed as movable obstructions. Relief to be taken under Rule 15.2a.

Player Information

Distance Markers

All Distance markers are to the centre of the green and can also be found on several sprinkler heads.

Flag Positions -	Yellow	Front third of green.
	Red	Middle third of green
	White	Back third of green

Temporary Local Rules

1. Relief from Seams of Cut Turf

If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing in the general area or on the green relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b or 16.1d respectively

2. Out of Bounds Practice Fairway parallel to the first fairway

If a player suspects or is unsure if their ball is out of bounds on the practice fairway, they are to follow the below processes:

The player is to play a provisional ball from the first tee prior to their group leaving the tee.

If the first ball is in bounds, then the player **must** play the hole out with that ball without penalty. If the ball is out of bounds, then the player is to play the hole out with the provisional ball they played from the first tee and apply the penalty shot as per Rule 18.2.

If a player chooses not to play a provisional ball from the first tee prior to their group leaving the tee and they find that their ball is out of bounds the player **must use Alternative to stroke and distance local rule for a ball out of bounds and apply the penalty to their score.** You are **not permitted to return to the first tee to play another ball.**

3. Abnormal Course Conditions

If a player's ball lies in a bare muddy patch, Sand filled patch (Not a Divot) or on areas that have had tree root removal/stump grinding conducted or these areas interfere with a player's intended stance in the General Area relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b.

4. Relief from exposed tree roots in the fairway

If a player's ball lies close to or against an exposed tree root in the fairway only free relief may be taken by dropping the ball within one club length no nearer the hole.

A player may at any time declare their ball unplayable except in a penalty area and take relief under Rule 19 for one penalty stroke.

5. Faithful Gardens No Play Zone Penalty Area

Due to the current dangerous condition in the Faithful Gardens from large unsafe branches in trees this penalty area is a No Play Zone for the protection of players. If your ball enters the Faithful Gardens, you are not to search for your ball and are to return a ball into play under the normal procedure for a penalty area (stroke and Distance, back on the line or Lateral relief).

6. Relief from footprints, divots, and casual water in bunkers

A player may take free relief when their ball comes to rest in a un-raked foot print, divot and casual water in a bunker by placing the ball to the nearest point of relief no nearer the hole.

7. Mulched Areas

If a player's ball lies in an area that has been Mulched within the general area of the course, the player is to play the ball as it lies. **UNLESS** The ball is in a designated garden bed (marked with green stakes with white tops) or the area is designated GUR

