



## LOCAL RULES

### 1: Out of bounds (Rule 18)

- I. Out of bounds is defined by the wire fence surrounding the course, wooden fences inside the wire fence, and gates, except on the right of the 10<sup>th</sup> fairway. In many places the wire fence is contained within a hedge but the boundary line is the wire fence.
- II. On the 10<sup>th</sup> fairway, out of bounds on the right is on or across the path for the length of the wooden fence. This fence and its fence posts attached to the path are integral objects and free relief is not permitted from them. The boundary from the top end of the fence crosses the path at a right angle, then is a straight line to the nearest corner of the clubhouse.
- III. At the back of the 4/13<sup>th</sup> green and the left of the 6/15<sup>th</sup> fairway, there is a double fence. The boundary is at the inner fence.
- IV. A ball must be completely outside the boundary line to be out of bounds. If any part of the ball is inside the boundary line, then the ball is still in play.

### 2: Penalty areas (Rule 17)

- i. The area to the left of the 7/16 tees is part of the general area. The penalty area starts at the burn which is a yellow PA. Over the burn, the entire left side, from and including the ditch parallel to the fairway, is a red penalty area. This red penalty area extends to the boundary fence.
- ii. All bridges are entirely within the penalty areas. Stakes placed near the bridges are intended to emphasise the bridge is in the penalty area.

The relief options depend on where the ball lies:

- If the ball is in the PA, including on a bridge, then there is no free relief. The ball can be played as it lies (no penalty), or the normal PA relief options with one stroke penalty can be used.
- If the ball is outside the PA but the structure of the bridge interferes with the stance or swing (but not line of play) then free relief may be taken.

### 3: Wrong green (Rule 13)

A wrong green is any green other than the green for the hole the player is playing, the normal green for a hole where a temporary green is being used, any temporary green except when it is in use for the hole being played, and the practice green. It is mandatory to take free relief from a wrong green.

### 4: Abnormal course conditions (Rule 16)

Free relief may be taken in accordance with Rule 14.3 from interference caused by abnormal course conditions.

Interference exists when:

- I. The player's ball touches or is in or on an abnormal course condition, or
- II. An abnormal course condition physically interferes with the player's intended stance or area of intended swing.

**Note 1:** If an abnormal course condition only intervenes with the intended line of play, there is no interference and free relief is not available.

**Note 2:** Free relief is not allowed from boundary objects or integral objects.

**Note 3:** When taking free relief, players should establish the nearest point of complete relief and drop the ball within one club length of that point, in both cases not nearer the hole. In particular, note the 'nearest' point is not necessarily the 'nicest' point, and complete relief must be taken.

**4a: Ground under repair**

The flower beds around the clubhouse are deemed to be ground under repair. It is mandatory to take free relief from these or any other areas temporarily defined as ground under repair if there is interference from them.

**4b: Immovable obstructions**

All buildings, structures, artificial surfaces and shelters on the course, the wall and artificially surfaced areas around the clubhouse, the lamp-post and sign on the 10<sup>th</sup> fairway, logs on the approach to the burn at the 2<sup>nd</sup>, manhole covers, sprinkler heads, ball washers, litter bins, benches, the flag pole and water fountain are immovable obstructions and free relief may be taken if interference exists.

**4c: No play zones**

Young trees identified by stakes or tubes are no play zones that are to be treated as abnormal course conditions. Free relief must be taken from interference by the no play zone.

**Note 4:** Free relief is not allowed from interference by an abnormal course condition when the ball lies within a penalty area.

**5: Tees:**

Unless playing in a competition where the tees to be used are defined, players of any gender may play from any colour of tee at any time, using the published handicap charts to establish their course handicap for that set of tees.

**6: Temporary local rules:**

Additional temporary local rules may be posted on the Club Noticeboard.

**Penalty for playing ball from wrong place in breach of local rule:**

General penalty under rule 14.7a: Loss of hole in match play or two penalty strokes in stroke play

**These local rules supersede any previous local rules including those printed on the current scorecards**

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**Handicap Committee**