



Local Rules

Effective 1 January 2019

To be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf

OUT OF BOUNDS (RULE 18.2)

- All ground beyond the boundary of the course,
- The Pro shop and concrete areas surrounding the Pro shop,
- The pavilion next to the first tee,
- The practice nets, and
- The green-side edge of the road running along the edge of the 12th hole.

PENALTY AREAS (RULE 17)

- When playing the 3rd hole, players who hit their ball into the red penalty area on the left side of the fairway may take relief under Rule 17.1
- The red penalty area on the 4th hole includes the logs marking the top border of the penalty area.
- The red penalty area on the 13th hole extends to the access road for the entire length of the red penalty area.

DROPPING ZONES

If a ball is in the penalty area on the 2nd hole or the 4th hole, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:

- Take relief under Rule 17.1, or
- As an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
 - The dropping zone for the 2nd hole is located at the base of the top penalty area.
 - Two dropping zones are available on the 4th hole
 - a. when the player's ball enters the dam or the surrounding red penalty area from the tee box side, the dropping zone is located on the left side of the dam.
 - b. when the player's ball enters the red penalty area from the green side, the dropping zone is located on the top right side of the dam.

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.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: 30cm 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 and 14.2e.

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

When a player's ball has not been found **after 3 minutes has elapsed** or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows, rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.

For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

- a) Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have:
 - Come to rest on the course, or
 - Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.
- b) Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between:

- A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line).

But with these limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must be in the general area, and
- Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

But the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3).

A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES

The young trees identified by a stake or under 2 metres tall are no play zones and are ground under repair:

- 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.

BALL DEFLECTED BY POWER LINE

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line or tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line during the play of either the 12th and 13th holes, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6 for what to do).

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (INCLUDING IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS) (RULE 16)

- **Ground under repair** is defined by any area encircled by a white line or marked by white stakes, or
 - Bare patches on the fairway,
 - Bare patches on the putting greens where the ball lies on the bare patch or the bare patch interferes with the line of putt,
 - Earthworks associated with improvements to the course,
 - Except in a hazard, clearly defined wheel marks or ruts in the general area which interfere with your stance or the lie of the ball.
- **Gardens**, including edges and borders, are deemed compulsory ground under repair.
 - The planted area behind the 18th green is the only area on the course defined as a Garden.
- **Immovable obstructions** include all penalty area markers, distance markers, fixed sprinkler heads, safety fences, sand boxes, rubbish bins, tee markers, seats, bridges, machinery sheds, drainage pipes, sumps, brick, concrete walls, steps, cart paths and roads.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS- PART OF GENERAL AREA OF COURSE (NO RELIEF)

- All areas covered in bark or wood chips unless specifically defined as a garden.

PRACTISING BEFORE ROUNDS

A player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds occurring on the same day or on consecutive days. (Rule 5.2a). Players may practice using the practice nets, practice fairway and practice putting green.

Penalty for Breach of this Local Rule:

- Penalty for first breach: General Penalty (applied to the player's first hole).
- Penalty for second breach: Disqualification.

CALLING UP ON PAR 3s

Unless the action impedes the pace of play, players are required to call up the following group waiting on the tee when all players have reached the green on a par 3. Players must ensure they are behind the safety barriers when the group following is teeing off.

DISTANCE MARKERS

- i. Red marker post – 100 metres to centre of green
- ii. Blue marker post– 150 metres to centre of green

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE

If not previously specified,

- Match Play - Loss of Hole
- Stroke Play - General Penalty (two strokes)