



LOCAL RULES – Complete version effective 19th July 2021

Out of bounds is defined by:

- The course-side points at ground level of white stakes and fence posts. Any course boundary hedge line. Any course boundary white line
- The practice ground area enclosed by white stakes and the brook
- The car park and paved areas around the clubhouse

Penalty Areas

- Yellow penalty areas are defined by yellow stakes. Red penalty areas are defined by red stakes or red lines. When both stakes and lines are used, the stakes identify the penalty area and the lines define the edge. Any part of a penalty area defined or identified by green topped stakes is a no play zone
- Unmarked penalty areas may be treated as red and their edge is where the ground breaks
- The edge of the penalty area between holes 12 & 13 is the bridle road. No part of the road is in the penalty area
- The pond and brook on the 18th hole are treated as a single penalty area
- When a player's ball is in a penalty area, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area even though it is not found, the player may take relief using one of the options under Rule 17.1d. Or when the ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area behind the 5th putting green or left of the 12th hole, as an extra relief option adding one penalty stroke, opposite side relief is available under Model Local Rule B-2.1 (see appendix A)
- Relief without penalty is not available from abnormal course conditions when the ball is within a penalty area
- Bridges, artificial retaining walls and linings within a penalty area are immovable obstructions / abnormal course conditions

Putting Greens

- The double putting green of the 4th & 13th holes shall be considered as one putting green
- If the player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole on the putting green the player may take relief under Rule 16.1d but interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or line of play
- Temporary putting greens defined by white lines are wrong greens when not in use and relief must be taken under Rule 13.1f
- When playing the 11th hole, if the player must take relief under Rule 13.1f because his or her ball came to rest on the putting green of the 12th hole or that putting green interferes with his or her stance or area of intended swing:
 - In finding the relief area to be used when taking this relief, the putting green of the 12th hole is defined to include the area of fairway within 3 club-lengths from the edge of the putting green
 - This means that the nearest point of complete relief must avoid interference from this area in addition to the putting green
- Local Rule D-7 Limiting When Stroke Made from Putting Green Must Be Replayed Under Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b applies, see appendix A

Protection of Young Trees

Trees identified by stakes or wrapping 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
- If the ball lies in a penalty area, and interference to the player's stance or area of intended swing exists from such a tree, the player must take relief either with penalty under Rule 17.1e or with free relief under Rule 17.1e(2)

Abnormal Course Conditions and Integral Objects

- Ground under repair (GUR) is any area bounded by white or blue lines or blue stakes
- The road crossing the 11th hole and behind the 12th green is an immovable obstruction
- Penalty area stakes physically attached to boundary objects are integral objects
- The bridle road and adjoining fence may be treated as a single abnormal course condition
- **Gates on the boundary of the course are movable obstructions unless locked in the closed position when they are integral objects.**

Embedded Balls

Rule 16.3 is modified in this way: Free relief is not allowed when a ball is embedded in stacked turf faces or soil faces above bunkers

Flooded Bunkers

The flooded bunkers defined on a list in the professional's shop which may be identified by a blue post are ground under repair (GUR) in the general area. They are not treated as a bunker during the round.

If the player's ball lies in or touches this GUR or the GUR interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.

All other bunkers on the course, whether they contain temporary water or not, are still bunkers for all purposes under the Rules.

Drainage scars on 2nd & 15th holes

On the 2nd & 15th holes only, the drainage scars in the general area identified by blue dashed lines enclosed by blue parenthesis [()] may be treated as ground under repair (GUR). Interference does not exist if such scars only interfere with the player's stance. Such identifying blue markings may be treated as GUR with the same interference restrictions.

Penalties Penalty for playing a ball from a wrong place in breach of local rule: General penalty under Rule 14.7a

Scorecards

For the purpose of the rules the *scorecard* is the physical scorecard. A marker is responsible for marking a player's scorecard and should certify the scores by signature. The player must get the marker to correct any mistakes and certify the scores either by signature or verbally. If this certification is verbal the marker MUST indicate this has been done preferably by using the "player's signature" box.

Electronic scoring

Failure to enter scores accurately into a computer system within an allowed time frame may result in a player's handicap index being withdrawn.

Appendix A

Model Local Rule B-2.1. Extra relief option for ball in penalty area behind the 5th or to the left of the 12th putting greens.

When a player's ball is in a *penalty area*, including when it is *known or virtually certain* to be in a *penalty area* even though it is not found, the player may take relief using one of the options under Rule 17.1d. Or when the ball last crossed the edge of the *red penalty area* behind the 5th *putting green* or left of the 12th hole, as an extra relief option adding one penalty stroke, opposite side relief is available the player may drop the original ball or another ball on the opposite side of the *red penalty area*:

- 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*
- Point on Opposite Edge Must Not Cross Another Area of the Course: If the straight line from the edge where the ball last crossed into the penalty area to the other edge that is an equal distance from the hole crosses outside the penalty area, the player is not allowed to use that opposite point
- Size of the *relief area* measured from the reference point: Two *club-lengths*, but with these limits:
 - 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*

Model Local Rule D7. Limiting when a stroke from the putting green should be replayed.

Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b applies, except that when a ball played from the putting green accidentally hits:

- the player
- the club used by the player to make the stroke or
- an animal defined as a loose impediment (that is, worms, insects and similar animals that can be removed easily)

the stroke counts and the ball must be played as it lies.