



OWNERS' CHAMPIONSHIP LOCAL RULES – November 2019

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE: GENERAL PENALTY: Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.

1 INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE - All gardened areas (decorative areas containing flowers shrubs etc., usually covered with pebbles, gravel or wood chips and surrounded by a border of stones, kerb stones, old sleepers or logs), **are integral objects (not an artificially surfaced area)**. The ball must be played as it lies.

Exception – The decorative sides to the 1st & 10th tees on the North Course are No Play Zones from which play is prohibited. Free relief must be taken from interference of the No Play Zone under R16.1f

2 OBSTRUCTIONS - All buggy paths, steps, control boxes, toilet buildings, protective netting etc., wooden sleepers and purposely placed stones and rocks around trees are obstructions. Relief is only available from the obstruction, not the trees. Where sleepers or purposely placed stones lie adjacent to a path, these objects are deemed to be part of the path. Areas covered with gravel or wood chips are an integral part of the course. Individual wood chips and pieces of gravel are loose impediments. Free relief is available under Rules 15 & 16

WATERING SYSTEM - All Sprinkler Heads, Control Covers etc. are immovable obstructions and free relief from interference may be obtained under Rule 16.1

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

Ball in General Area cut to Fairway Height or Less: 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.

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.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a

Distance point posts are IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 16). General Penalty will be incurred if removed and ball played.

3 PENALTY AREAS - All ponds and ditches (barrancos) are Lateral Penalty Areas (**RED**), whether they contain water or not. Lateral Penalty Areas (LPAs) are marked by Red stakes or lines. (Currently, some LPAs are marked with Yellow stakes, while we await sufficient Red stakes)

On the South Course on holes 11 and 12 - If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball, that has not been found, is in the penalty area in front of the respective green the player may:

(i) proceed under Rule 17.1; or

(ii) as an additional option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the Dropping Zone provided.

Note the DZ may be nearer the hole than the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard.

West Course - Hole 2 – An optional Drop Zone will be in place in front of the Red Teeing Area and before the barranco.

Hole 6 - the red bollards on the right of the hole mark the edge of an “infinite” penalty area. As the bollards are immovable, there is no relief when they interfere with a player’s stance or area of intended swing, when the ball is in the penalty area.

4 OUT OF BOUNDS - Rule 2.1- Beyond any boundary hedges, fences, walls, white lines or marker posts bounding the course, the Greenkeeper’s Compound and the Practice Ground. A ball that crosses any public road and comes to rest on or beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

Note the following:-

South Course - On the **5th hole**, out of bounds on the left is **over** the wall and the sleepers up to the exit to the **6th tee**. The wall and sleepers are an obstruction. On the **9th hole**, out of bounds on the right of the green is on or over the terracotta buggy path that runs from the area surrounding the Half Way Hut to the bridge to the **7th fairway**. Note: the stakes marking this area do not apply to **7th hole**.

North Course - Holes 9 & 18 - (on green side of barranco short of green) out of bounds is on or beyond the “terracotta” tiled path to the first and **10th tees** as **indicated** by white lines and stakes. The margin is the edge of the path, not a line between the posts. The hedge to the left of the **18th** beyond the barranco is **not** a boundary hedge.

West Course – On the **12th hole**, out of bounds is over the buggy path on the right of the hole as **indicated** by white posts. When playing the **17th hole**, out of bounds is **on or beyond** the buggy path that runs from the left of the teeing ground to the green as **indicated** by white posts. The posts do not apply to play of the **9th hole**.

5 WASTE AREAS - The sandy areas located to the **right of the 14th fairway on the South Course** and **left of the 17th fairway on the North Course** are part of the General area, not bunkers.

6 GROUND UNDER REPAIR – In the General Area, damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by Wild Boars is Ground Under Repair, from which Free Relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

All GUR marked by white lines is a No Play Zone (Play is prohibited and free relief under Rule 16.1 must be taken)

7 NORTH 17TH HOLE ALTERNATE GREEN - When taking Wrong Green Relief from this green, the wrong green is defined to include the area of fairway within two club lengths from the edge of the putting green. The player must take relief under Rule 13.1f and the nearest point of complete relief must avoid interference from this area in addition to the putting green.

The greenside bunkers of the Alternate Green are Ground Under Repair and relief **must** be taken in the Dropping Zone.

A Dropping Zone is in place and the ball MUST be dropped in the Dropping Zone.

8 PREFERRED LIES

When a player's ball lies on 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 from this relief area:

Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.

- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point:
6 inches /15 cm from the reference point, but with these limits:

Limits of Location of Relief Area:

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

Note: General Area does not include Bunkers or Penalty Areas

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing the ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

9 PROVISIONAL BALL FOR BALL IN A PENALTY AREA

If a player does not know whether his or her ball is in the penalty area, the player may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3, which is modified in this way:

In playing the provisional ball, the player may use the **stroke-and-distance** relief option (see Rule 17.1d(1), the **back-on-the-line** relief option (see Rule 17.1d(2)) or, if it is a **red** penalty area, the **lateral relief** option (see Rule 17.1d(3)). If a dropping zone is available for the penalty area in question, the player may also use that relief option.

Once the player has played a provisional ball under this Rule, he or she may not use any further options under Rule 17.1 in relation to the original ball.

In deciding when that provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play or if it must or may be abandoned, Rule 18.3c(2) and 18.3c(3) apply except that:

- When Original Ball Is Found in Penalty Area Within Three-Minute Search Time. The player may choose either to:
 - Continue to play the original ball as it lies in the penalty area, in which case the provisional ball must not be played. All strokes with that provisional ball before it was abandoned (including strokes made and any penalty strokes solely from playing that ball) do not count, or
 - Continue to play the provisional ball in which case the original ball must not be played.
- When Original Ball Is Not Found Within Three-Minute Search Time or Is Known or Virtually Certain to Be in Penalty Area. The provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play.

10 PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES

The young trees, to the left of the fairway of the 7th hole on the South Course, identified by blue tapes around the trunks are a NO Play Zone.

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 free relief under Rule 16.1f

11 RELIEF FOR AERATION HOLES ON THE NORTH COURSE

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

Ball on Putting Green. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1d. by **placing** the original ball or another ball on the spot of the nearest point of complete relief.

- The nearest point of complete relief must be either on the putting green or in the general area.
- If there is no such nearest point of complete relief, the player may still take this free relief by using the point of maximum available relief as the reference point, which must be either on the putting green or in the general area.

But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or on the player's line of play.

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GUIDANCE FOR PLAYERS.

When there are no white posts or lines alongside a boundary hedge or fence, the local rule states that a ball is out of bounds if it lies beyond the hedge or fence. Thus if you find your ball in a hedge it can be played or declared unplayable. If the fence is in the hedge, beyond the fence is out of bounds.

Please keep buggies on paths at par 3s and around tees and greens. Wherever possible, do not take trollies between the green and greenside bunkers. Persistent offending can result in disciplinary action or disqualification in a competition.