



LOCAL RULES IN FORCE
(Rule 33-8 & Appendix 1 Part A Clause 3b)
Autumn/Winter 2017 - 2018 with effect 9th October and until further notice

The following local rules are currently in force and are either additional to, or supersede, those printed on the reverse of the Club scorecard.

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (RULE 27-1)

The area defined by the six foot fence panels in the woodland on the left-hand side of the 15th fairway define Out of Bounds and are not obstructions. Rule 27-1 applies.

2. WINTER RULES – PREFERRED LIES

A ball lying on a “closely mown area” “through the green” **MAY** be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he/she must **PLACE** it on a spot within six inches of and not nearer to the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green. A player may place his/her ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (**Rule 20-4**). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it is placed, **Rule 20-3d applies**. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply. **If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he/she incurs a penalty of one stroke.**

Penalty for breach of Local Rule:

Match play - Loss of Hole

Stroke play - Two Strokes

“Closely mown area” means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

“Through the Green” is the whole area of the course except (a) the teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played; and (b) all hazards on the course.

3. TEMPORARY GREENS – WRONG PUTTING GREEN (RULE 25-3)

Eighteen temporary greens, marked with a continuous white line, will be established on the course and when in play these will be indicated with blue flags.

When established but **NOT** in play, these temporary greens are to be treated as “**Wrong Greens**” and relief **MUST** be taken in accordance with Rule 25-3b:

If a player’s ball comes to rest on a **Wrong Green**, he/she **MUST NOT** play the ball as it lies and **MUST** take relief as follows. The player **MUST** lift the ball and drop it without penalty within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green. When the ball is dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, the ball must first strike a part of the course at a spot that avoids interference by the condition and is not in a hazard and not on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this rule.

Conversely, if any of these temporary greens are in play then the main green of the hole(s) in question is/are out of play and is/are deemed a **Wrong Putting Green(s)** and relief **MUST** be taken as above.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:

Match play - Loss of hole

Stroke play - Two strokes

4. LIGHTNING CONDUCTOR (RULE 24-2)

The Lightning Conductor installed in the semi-rough on the left-hand side of the 15th fairway is deemed an **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION** from which relief **MUST** be taken in accordance with **Rule 24-2b(i)**.

Penalty for breach of Local Rule:

Match play: Loss of hole.

Stroke play: Two strokes

5. GOPLA PLASTIC PATHWAYS & ARTIFICIAL TEE MATS (RULE 24-2)

Any area of GOPLA on the course is deemed an **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION** from which relief **MAY** be taken in accordance with Rule 24.2. This includes the artificial tee mats at the 5th, 6th, 8th and 16th holes **EXCEPT** when the mats are in-play and players are required to tee-off from the artificial surface.

Penalty for breach of Local Rule:

Match play - Loss of hole

Stroke play - Two strokes

6. BALL RETRIEVAL FROM OUT OF BOUNDS

Players are reminded that balls may **NOT** be retrieved if they have come to rest on residential property. This applies particularly to the garden beyond the road behind the 8th green & Little Temple (adjacent to the 15th green).

7. GROUND UNDER REPAIR (RULE 25)

Areas of Ground Under Repair, from which play is prohibited and relief **MUST** be taken in accordance with Rule 25-1b, are defined by a continuous white-line and may or may not be augmented by a GUR sign(s).

Penalty for breach of Local Rule:

Match play - Loss of hole

Stroke play - Two strokes

During the bunker refurbishment projects, the bunkers involved are out of play and temporarily classified as “through the green” with relief to be taken under Rule 25-1b(i) which permits a ball to be dropped outside of the bunker.

WINTER GOLFING ADVICE & ARRANGEMENTS

In an effort to try and reduce wear and tear around holes and the areas immediately surrounding them, the green committee wishes to enlist the help of golfers during the winter period and especially when the greens are wet. Although the rules of golf do not permit the introduction of a local rule permitting golfers to putt from the green leaving the flagstick in the hole, golfers playing social/non-competition golf are encouraged to refrain from having the flagstick attended when winter rules are in force. Similarly when playing social/non-competition golf from the artificial tee mats on the course, please tee up anywhere on the mats rather than restricting play to the area between, and up to two club-lengths behind, the tee markers.

METAL SPIKES – WINTER MONTHS

Golfer are strongly advised to consider wearing golf shoes with metal spikes during the winter months, especially when ground conditions are wet, muddy and slippery. Although perhaps not as comfortable as soft spikes, metal spikes should help provide more grip and traction in slippery conditions.

GENERAL

Please help to protect the course by observing all fenced, hooped, roped and white line restrictions. buggy and trolley users are requested to respect all restrictions and no-go areas and are asked to keep buggies and trolleys well away from tees and greens

Please remember that the use of temporary greens or the implementation of buggy, trolley or other playing restrictions are short term measures designed to protect the golf course from damage and help to ensure the health and safety of golfers and employees. In essence, please adopt a common sense approach and do all you can to help protect the course during the winter.