

Copy of Local Rules and Temporary Local Rules

Note: The Local Rules displayed on the Local Rules notice board on the exterior wall of the Pro shop are the rules in play on competition day.

For reference purposes only

Local Rules

Out of Bounds

On or beyond any fence, hedge, wall or line of white stakes bounding the course.

Internal Out of Bounds: RHS of 8th and 9th holes (Pump house area). LHS of White stakes on 11th and 14th when playing the 11th and 14th holes. Inside the recycling unit between 1st tee box and 2nd fairway.

Immovable obstructions

Rule 24.2 applies to all artificially surfaced roads, paths, ropes and supports. Wooden steps, fixed seating, life buoys, permanent signage, tee markers, water hydrants, manhole covers, ESB poles, supports and wires, distance markers, staked trees, white stakes defining Internal Out of Bounds on 11th and 14th holes (except when playing 11th and 14th holes). Water Hazard Stakes (when the ball lies outside the hazard).

Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green

All sprinkler heads are immovable obstructions Rule 24.2. In addition if a ball lies through the green and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on the putting green.

If the players ball lies on the putting green and an immovable obstruction within two club-lengths of the putting green intervenes on his line of putt, the player may take relief as follows: the ball must be lifted and placed at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

Movable Obstructions

Rule 24.1 includes stones and rakes in bunkers.

Water Hazards

Margin defined by Yellow stakes or lines, lateral water hazard defined by Red stakes or lines, lines take precedence over stakes in defining the margin of the hazard. If a ball lies within the natural boundaries of the water hazard it is deemed to be in the hazard notwithstanding the line of the hazard defined by the stakes.

All bridges over water are within the hazard. **Reference Decision 26/2.**

Decision Related to Rule 26

26/2 Ball Within Natural Margin of Water Hazard But Outside Stakes Defining Margin

Question: - Stakes defining the margin of a water hazard were improperly installed. As a result, an area which clearly was part of the water hazard was outside the stakes and, thus, technically was outside the hazard. A player's ball came to rest in water in this area. The player claimed that, in view of the alignment of the stakes, his ball was in casual water through the green. Was the claim valid?

Answer: - No. The Committee erred in not properly defining the margin of the hazard as required by Rule 33-2a, but a player is not entitled to take advantage of such an error. Since it was clear that the place where the player's ball lay was within the natural boundaries of the water hazard, the claim should not be upheld.

Water Hazards: Ball Played Provisionally Under Rule 26-1:

If there is doubt whether a ball is in or is lost in any water hazard within the course, the player may play another ball provisionally under any of the applicable options in Rule 26-1.

If the original ball is found outside the water hazard, the player must continue play with it.

If the original ball is found in the water hazard, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue with the ball played provisionally under Rule 26-1.

If the original ball is not found or identified within the five minute search period, the player must continue play with the ball played provisionally.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE

Match play - Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes

Drop Zone

If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the water hazard, at the back of the 3rd green LHS, and the back of the 6th green, the player may:

(i) proceed under Rule 26; or

(ii) as an additional option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the dropping zone.

Ground under Repair

Areas ringed by white / blue lines- Rule 25. New Spinneys defined by blue stakes, play prohibited- Rule

Ball in Abnormal Ground Condition Not Found (casual water) Reference Rule 25.1C

Tee Box

A ball coming to rest on the short mown area of the tee box (hole not in play) must be dropped off under Rule 25.1

Distance-Measuring Devices

For all play at this course, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.”

Aeration Holes

Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

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Temporary Local Rules

Winter Rules

Note: The position of the ball must be marked before it is lifted under this Local Rule – see Rule 20-1.

Fairways Lift, clean and place within 6 inches not nearer the hole

Rough Lift, clean and drop within one club length not nearer the hole

NOTE: The ball when dropped must come to rest in the rough

Fairways not in play

A ball coming to rest on the fairway must be lifted and placed on the first cut of rough to the side of the fairway.