

## **Local Rules – Effective From 1 January 2019**

### **Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)**

On or beyond any fence, hedge, wall or line of white stakes bounding the course. Internal Out of Bounds: RHS of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> holes (Pump house area). LHS of white stakes on 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> when playing the 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> holes. Inside recycling unit between the 1<sup>st</sup> teeing area and 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway.

### **Immovable Obstructions**

Rule 16 applies to all artificially surfaced roads, paths, ropes and supports, wooden stakes, fixed seating, life buoys, permanent signage, tee markers, water hydrants, sprinkler heads, manhole covers, ESB poles, supports and wires, distance markers, staked trees, white stakes defining internal Out of Bounds on 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> holes (except when playing the 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> holes), penalty area stakes (when ball lies outside the penalty area)

### **Immovable Obstructions Near to Putting Green**

If a ball lies in the general area, interference also exists if an immovable obstruction is on the player's line of play, is within two club-lengths of the putting green and is within two club-lengths of the ball.

If the player's ball lies on the putting green and an immovable obstruction within two club-lengths of the putting green intervenes on his or her line of putt, the player may take free relief.

### **Penalty Areas**

Edge defined by yellow stakes or lines, red stakes or lines, lines take preference over stakes in defining the edge of the penalty area.

If a ball lies within the natural boundaries of the penalty area it is deemed to be in the penalty area notwithstanding the line of the penalty area defined by the stakes. Any bridge over a penalty area is within the penalty area.

### **Decision Related to Rule 17 (Penalty Areas)**

17.1a/1 Ball within natural edge of penalty area but outside stakes defining edge.

If stakes defining a body of water as a penalty area are improperly located, a player is not allowed to take advantage of such an error by the Committee.

For example, a ball is found in an expanse of water that, because of the configuration of the ground is clearly part of the penalty area but is outside the stakes, and, thus, technically outside the penalty area. The player may not claim that the ball at rest in the water is in temporary water.

### **Penalty Areas: Ball played provisionally under Rule 17.1**

If there is doubt whether a ball is in or is lost within any penalty area within the course the player may play another ball provisionally under any of the applicable options in Rule 17.1d.

If the original ball is found outside the penalty area, the player must continue to play with it. If the original ball is found in the penalty area, the player has only two options, either play the original ball as it lies, or continue with the ball played provisionally under Rule 17.1d

### **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 penalty area at the back of the 3<sup>rd</sup> green LHS or the back of the 6<sup>th</sup> green, the player may

- (i) Proceed under Rule 17.1d 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 stakes.

Shrubberies to right and left of 7<sup>th</sup> green should be treated as GUR. On any part of the course that is cut to fairway height or less, broken ground due to dry weather and wildlife excrement may be treated as GUR.

### **Protection of Young Trees**

The young trees identified by blue stakes are not 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.

### **Teeing Area**

A ball coming to rest on the short mown area of the teeing area (hole not in play) must be dropped off and the player may take relief under Rule 16.

## **Aeration Holes**

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

- (i) Ball in General Area: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.
- (ii) Ball on 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, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.