



## LOCAL RULES

To be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf and any temporary local rules.

### 1. **OUT OF BOUNDS – Rule 18.2**

Those areas beyond the course-side line between the posts of the boundary fence of the golf course.

### 2. **BALL DEFLECTED BY POWER LINES – Rule 14.6**

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit an elevated power line, cable or pylon, or the bollards & ropes on holes 5, 6, 7 & 8, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made.

### 3. **ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS – Rule 16.1**

#### **May take relief:**

- Ground Under Repair: Those areas defined by white pegs and/or white lines, animal scrapes, wheel marks made by motorised vehicles, course construction and maintenance.
- All stakes, pegs, sprinkler heads, taps, seats, distance markers, watering control units, silt fences, formed or artificial surfaces of roads and paths are Immovable Obstructions.

#### **Must take relief:**

- Ornamental gardens and practice putting green.
- No Play Zone - Holes 5, 6, 7 & 8. A ball must not be played from Protected Area defined by red pegs with green tops, Bollards, Ropes or Pink Stakes. Relief must be taken if the No Play Zone interferes with the stance or intended swing (16.1(f)). As a relief option for the area defined by pink stakes on Hole 8, and adding **one penalty stroke**, a player may drop a ball in the dropping zone at the commencement of the fairway defined by blue lines.

### 4. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (EG SPRINKLER HEADS) CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS – LINE OF PLAY INTERFERENCE**

Rule 16.1b applies to immovable obstructions close to putting greens. In addition to the types of interference described in Rule 16.1a, interference also exists if an immovable obstruction is: on the player's line of play, and is within two club-lengths of the putting green, and is within two club-lengths of the ball. (Exception - There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.)

### 5. **INTEGRAL OBJECT**

Wood Chip areas are an integral part of the course and the ball must be played as it lies.

### 6. **PENALTY AREAS:**

All Penalty Areas on this course are marked by Red Stakes or Lines.

### 7. **ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE & DISTANCE FOR LOST BALL OR BALL OUT OF BOUNDS:**

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds or lost, the player may proceed under a **penalty of two strokes**, rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. This Local Rule is not available if a provisional ball has been played. See Model Local Rule E-5 for full details of the Local Rule.

#### **GENERAL PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES**

Stroke Play- Two Strokes      Match Play- Loss of Hole

Effective 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020



## LOCAL RULE (7)

### E-5 ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE FOR LOST BALL OR BALL OUT OF BOUNDS

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.

For **two penalty strokes**, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

#### Two Estimated Reference Points:

**(a) Ball Reference Point:** The point where the original ball is estimated to have:

- Come to rest on the course, or
- Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.

**(b) Fairway Reference Point:** The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, **but** is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

#### Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between:

- A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line).

**But** with these limits:

#### Limits on Location of Relief Area:

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

Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

**But** the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3).
- A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.