

LOCAL RULES

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

OUT OF BOUNDS – Rule 18.2

Any area beyond the inside points, at ground level, of any perimeter fence or line of white stakes with black tops or any other area marked out of bounds.

BALL DEFLECTED BY POWER LINES

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line, tower, wire or pole supporting a power line, the player **must** replay the stroke by playing the original ball or another ball from the spot where that stroke was made (see Rule 14.6).

If the player replays the stroke but does so from a wrong place, they get the general penalty under Rule 14.7.

If the player does not replay the stroke, they get the general penalty and the stroke counts, but the player has not played from a wrong place. (see Rule 14.6).

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS – Rule 16.1

Ground Under Repair: Those areas defined by white pegs and/or white lines, wheel marks made by motorised vehicles, course construction and maintenance.

Ornamental Gardens are **no play zones** that are to be treated as an abnormal course conditions. Free relief **MUST** be taken from interference by the no play zone (Rule 16.1f)

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Rule 16

All stakes, pegs, distance markers, silt fences, formed or artificial surfaces of roads & paths & buildings are Immovable Obstructions.

INTEGRAL OBJECT

Areas surfaced with woodchip. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments.

PENALTY AREAS:

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

PENALTY AREA – NO PLAY ZONE (Rule 17.1e)

The Cumberland Plain Woodland Regeneration Area, defined by Red Stakes with Green Tops or Red and Green lines adjacent to holes 5, 6, 7 & 8 is a No Play Zone.

a) When a ball is in the No Play Zone, the ball must not be played as it lies and relief must be taken **under penalty of one stroke** under Rule 17.1d. or 17.2

b) When the ball is outside a Penalty Area (in the general area) and there is interference from the no play zone (which includes, Stakes defining the No Play Zone) then free relief must be taken in accordance with 16.1f(2)

Provisional Ball Rule Modification

If a player does not know whether his or her ball is in the No Play Zone - Penalty Area on holes 5, 6, 7 or 8 the player may play a provisional ball using any of the following relief options: stroke-and-distance, back-on-the-line or lateral relief (see Rule 17.1d). If the original ball is found in the Penalty Area - No Play Zone the player must abandon the original ball and play the provisional ball.

DROP ZONES – as an extra option the original ball or another ball may be dropped in the relief areas defined by Blue lines under **penalty of one stroke**:

5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Holes: If a player's ball enters the No Play Zone defined by red stakes with green tops or Red and Green lines beyond the flag, relief can be taken at the NEAREST Drop Zone to point of entry.

8th Hole: If a player's ball enters the No Play Zone defined by red stakes with green tops, as an alternative option to Rule 17.1d or 17.2, proceed to the Drop Zone at the commencement of the fairway.

13th Hole: If a player's ball enters the Penalty Area defined by red stakes or red lines, relief can be taken at the Drop Zone at the front of the Tee Boxes.

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.)

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