



Local Rules:

(From 11th March 2010)

These rules supersede the Local Rules on the back of the scorecard

1) Out of Bounds: Rule 27

All boundaries of the course as indicated by White Stakes and defined by a line/rut. The areas defined by the putting green, the practice area, the clubhouse & car park.

2) Water Hazards: Rule 26

Where stakes and lines indicate hazards, then the stakes indicate the hazards and the lines define the margins of the hazards.

Water Hazards are indicated by Yellow Stakes.

Lateral Water Hazards are indicated by Red Stakes.

A ball last entering the lateral (red) water hazard on the 4th Hole may be played from the dropping zone behind the green.

A ball last entering the lateral (red) part of the water hazard on the 17th Hole may be played from the dropping zone to the right of the hazard.

3) Overhead Wires / Telegraph Poles – Rule 20-5

If a ball strikes overhead power lines, telegraph poles or guide wires, the player must disregard that stroke, abandon the ball (if necessary), drop and play another ball as near as possible from the spot from which the original ball was played.

Poles & Guide Wires are immovable obstructions – Rule 24.2b may be applied

4) Immovable Obstructions: Rule 24

1. All Paths & Steps onto teeing grounds
2. Telegraph Poles & Guide Wires
3. Sprinkler System
4. Distance Marker Discs on Fairways, Course Furniture, Litter Bins, Permanent Signage,
5. Greens - a ball lying on a putting green other than the one being played must be dropped in accordance with Rule 24.2b.
6. Teeing ground & Tee-boxes - a ball lying on a teeing ground (including the tee-box slopes) other than the one being played must be dropped in accordance with Rule 24.2b.

5) Greenside Immovable Obstructions: Rule 24

In addition to the above, if a ball lies within two club-lengths of an immovable obstruction that lies within two club-lengths of the putting green and is in the line of play to the hole, then relief may be taken 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.

The ball may be cleaned. Such relief is also allowed if the ball is lying on the green, but without the restriction of not being allowed to drop on the green and that it is to be placed.

6) Moveable Obstructions: Rule 24

1. Stones in bunkers
2. Distance Marker Stakes

7) Ground Under Repair: Rule 25

1. Areas marked by White lines and a GUR sign.
2. All broken ground due to course maintenance, tractor & machine tyre marks.

8) Blue Staked Spinneys:

1. All environmentally sensitive Blue Staked Spinneys are declared to be Lateral Water Hazards (Red Staked) with the following provisions:
2. If a ball is in or there is reasonable evidence that it is lost in a Blue staked spinney, then the player must, under penalty of one stroke, proceed under Rule 26-1. The ruts marking these areas are deemed to be part of these areas.
Note: If a ball, dropped in accordance with Rule 26 rolls into a position where this area interferes with the player's stance or the area of the intended swing, the player must take relief as provided in Clause (b) of this Local Rule.
3. **Interference with Stance or Area of Intended Swing**
If a ball is lying outside of the Blue spinney but there is interference from the Blue spinney with the player's stance or the area of the intended swing, then the player must take relief by dropping the ball, within a club length from the point on the course that is the nearest point of relief to where the ball lies that
 - is not nearer the hole,
 - avoids interference by the condition and
 - is not in a hazard or on a putting green.The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this clause
4. **Exception:** A player may not obtain relief under clause (b) of this Local Rule if (a) it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than a condition covered by this Local Rule or (b) interference by the condition would occur only through use of an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing or direction of play.

9) Embedded Ball

Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the *course through the green*.

(Through the green – On the golf course but not on a putting green and not in a hazard)

Exceptions:

A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if:

- A) The ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown or
- B) It is clearly unreasonable for him to make a *stroke* because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule.

10) Gorse Bushes

The gorse bushes on the 12th and the 13th holes are deemed to be GUR (Ground under repair)

11) Transportation (Golf Carts etc)

Players may use recognised methods of golf transportation (e.g. golf carts) during a *stipulated (competitive)* round upon production of a Medical Certificate duly certifying the requirement for such transportation.

(This rule includes the use of such transportation by the player, the player's caddy and the player's equipment.)

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

Match play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred;

Maximum deduction per round – Two holes.

Stroke play – Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred;

Maximum penalty per round – Four strokes.

Match or stroke play – In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.”

12) Saturday & Sunday Play

The committee has agreed that play of the course on a Saturday does not constitute a breach of Rule 7 (Practice on the day of a competition) if the member is due to play in the weekend competition on the Sunday.

13) Other Local Rules:

Additional or **Temporary Local Rules (TLR's)** will be displayed on the Rules notice board. Always check for such rules before play.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE:

Match play – Loss of hole;

Stroke play – Two strokes.

Note: In the case of a serious breach of any Local Rule, the Committee may impose a penalty of disqualification.”

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