



## 2025 Permanent Local Rules

### 1. Out Of Bounds

The course is bound by a line of white posts with black tops, or the Club's boundary fence.

### 2. Staked Trees & Shrubs

If a staked tree or shrub interferes with a player's stance or area of intended swing, the player MUST take relief as provided in rule 16.1.

### 3. Stakes, Ropes & Hoops

All stakes, ropes and protective metal hoops are movable obstructions. They may be removed if they interfere with your stance or swing or you believe your ball may hit them. These items must be replaced after playing your shot.

### 4. Fixed Sprinkler Heads & Drainage Fixtures

All fixed sprinkler heads and drainage fixtures are immovable obstructions and relief MAY be obtained under Rule 16.1. If the obstruction is within two club lengths of the putting green and your ball is within 2 club lengths of the obstruction and the obstruction intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, then the player MAY take relief without penalty. If the ball is NOT in a penalty area or bunker it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which (a) is no nearer the hole (b) avoids such intervention.

### 5. Garden Beds & Paths

Garden Beds are no play zones and the player MUST take relief as provided in Rule 16.1(f).

All paths with artificial surfaces and wash away from paths are Abnormal Ground Condition and relief may be taken under rule 16.1.

### 6. Drains

Relief may be taken from man made spoon drains and piped drains under rule 16.1 Exception: Drains marked as penalty areas with red or yellow posts.

### 7. Stone Walls

All stone walls are immovable obstructions & relief may be taken under rule 16.1

### 8. In a Bunker

A player MAY take relief from a ball lying in obvious animal markings

A player MAY take relief from matting

A player MAY take relief from wash away damage and drainage channels

### 9. Wheel Marks

Except in a penalty area or bunker, wheel ruts made by a mower, tractor or motor vehicle MAY be treated as Abnormal Ground Conditions. The player MAY take relief as provided in rule 16.1(b)

### 10. Protective Fencing

During play on the 10th hole only, if any protective fence is on the players line of play and the ball is nearer to the pin than the drop zone marker, the player may take free relief by dropping a ball in and playing it from the allocated drop zone near the women's 10<sup>th</sup> tee.

### 11. Car Park Area

The car park area, which includes all garden beds within the paved area behind the 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> greens, is a no play zone. Relief MUST be taken in the relief area (drop zone) provided. No penalty.

### 12. 1<sup>st</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Hole Spoon Drain

You may take relief in a drop zone if;

- your ball lies in the spoon drain on the right of the path or;
- your ball is on the path whilst the path is adjacent to the spoon drain.

The drop zone used is determined by which side of the green stake your ball is:

- Balls before the green stake use the drop zone before the green stake.
- Balls past the green stake use the drop zone past the green stake.

### 13. Fallen Trees

If a fallen tree that is not movable impacts your swing or stance you may take relief as per rule 16.1.

#### **14. Area Markings**

Yellow stakes and/or lines define yellow penalty areas

Red stakes and/or lines define red penalty areas

White stakes and/or lines define GUR

White posts with black tops define Out of Bounds

**All Distance Markers are to the Centre of the Green**

100 metre markers – Red

150 metre markers – Blue

200 metre markers – Yellow

#### **Penalty for Breach of Local Rule**

Stroke Play – Two strokes; Match Play – Loss of Hole

#### **Blue Lines Around the Greens**

No golf carts to pass the blue lines around the greens.

Under Rule 16.1 relief MAY be taken if your ball lies on a blue line (Abnormal Ground Condition)

### **TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES**

*To be read in conjunction with the R&A Rules of Golf 2019 and the updated 2025 Permanent Local Rules*

#### **WINTER RULES: Preferred Lies in play Through the green - General Area\***

You may mark, lift, clean and replace your ball within one club length no nearer the hole.

\*The General area is everywhere except the tee, the green, penalty areas and bunkers

#### **Abnormal Ground Conditions**

For the following conditions, where a ball lies in or touches the condition, or if it interferes with a player's stance, Rule 16-1 applies as follows:

##### **Drainage Lines**

- All drainage lines are GUR.
- Relief may be taken if the ball lies within 1 club length of new drainage lines.

**Taking Relief** - The ball is lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief in the General Area. Whilst there is no rule stating the ball must be marked, it is strongly encouraged you do so.

### **Rulings & Any Issues**

- **If you require a ruling, please contact the pro shop on 03 5945 9230.** If there is still uncertainty, please play a 2<sup>nd</sup> ball and complete the hole with both balls and seek a ruling after your round.
- If you have any issues with the conduct of any other golfers, please contact the pro shop.

### **ORDER OF THE MATCH COMMITTEE**

**13 June 2025**

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