



Local Rules

1. Out of Bounds

At the 1st hole only, out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of the white stones. Out of bounds is defined elsewhere to be beyond all fences and white boundary stakes around the course. Any such white stones (at the 1st hole only), and any such stakes or fences elsewhere on the course are boundary objects.

2. The Sea Wall

The Sea Wall and the beach up to the waterline is an integral object and not an obstruction. Free relief under Rule 16.1b is only available for interference from (a) any paved steps in the sea wall and (b) the concrete culvert on the sea wall to the right of the forward tee at the 7th hole. Loose impediments on the sea wall may be removed in accordance with Rule 15.1.

3. Paths and Tracks

All paths and tracks are integral to the course and not obstructions, other than those which are artificially surfaced.

4. Ancient Highway (Holes 9 to 13 inclusive)

The Ancient Highway, from where it leaves the tarmac road to the right of the 11th hole until it re-joins the tarmac road to the right of the 13th hole, is an immovable obstruction and free relief may be obtained under Rule 16.1b. Any posts, white stones or sleepers which are located on, or immediately adjacent to, this section of the Ancient Highway are also immovable obstructions.

The Ancient Highway and the posts, stones and sleepers (as defined above) are treated as a single Abnormal Course Condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1b.

5. Fixed Sprinkler Heads (Model Local Rule F-5.1)

All fixed sprinkler heads are immovable obstructions and relief from interference by them may be obtained under Rule 16.1. The player also has an extra option to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play: Ball in General Area: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:

- Within 2 club-lengths of the putting green, and
- Within 2 club-lengths of the ball.

But complete relief must be taken, which includes both physical and line of play interference.

Exception: No Relief if Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play which is clearly unreasonable.

6. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

Penalty areas are marked by red or yellow lines and/or stakes. Where both lines and stakes are present, the lines define the margin and the stakes merely indicate the presence of the penalty area. The unmarked ditches either side of the 10th hole and to the left of the 11th hole are not penalty areas and are part of the general area.

The sea wall beyond the waterline is a red penalty area.

The fenced wetland area to the right of the 2nd hole is a no play zone which is treated as a penalty area. Relief must be taken from interference from the no play zone under Rule 17.1e. The fence surrounding the wetland is an immovable obstruction and free relief under Rule 16.1 is only available if the ball lies outside the fence and it interferes with the player's stance or line of intended swing.

7. Status of Areas of Sand

The prepared areas of sand located between the tees and fairway at the 3rd, 5th, 11th, 14th (including the area fronted by a stacked-turf face), 17th and 18th holes; and the area of sand in the rough between the 3rd and 17th fairway; are all part of the general area and not bunkers.

The sleepers and steps located in the area of sand in front of the 14th fairway are immovable obstructions and free relief may be obtained under Rule 16.1b.

8. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Rule 5.7b(1))

In the event of fog, thunder, lightning or other adverse weather conditions, players should not continue to play if they believe there may be a risk to their health or safety, or to the safety of others. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by a single prolonged note of a horn. Players must stop playing immediately and make their way to the clubhouse or any nearest available shelter. All other suspensions will be signalled by three consecutive short notes of a horn, repeated. In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by two short notes of a horn, repeated. Players ignore these instructions entirely at their own risk.

9. Fairway Ground Under Repair ('GUR') - Play Prohibited (Model Local Rule 8e-12)

Play is prohibited from all fairway areas of Ground Under Repair as defined by blue stakes. Model Local Rule 8E-12 is in force as follows:

"When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less and a putter is not being used for the stroke, the player must take free relief by lifting the original ball and placing the original ball or another ball on an artificial mat and play it from there. The mat must be placed on top of the spot where the ball came to rest. If a ball when placed rolls off the mat, the player must try to place it a second time. If the ball again does not stay on the mat, the mat must be moved to the nearest spot, not nearer the hole, where the ball will come to rest on the mat when placed.

If the ball on the mat is accidentally moved before a stroke is made, there is no penalty and the ball must be placed again on the mat.

If a tee is used to secure the mat into the ground, the ball must not be placed on the tee."

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a. Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.