



Local Rules

1) Out of Bounds (Rule 2.1)

- a) Beyond any wall or fence bounding the course or beyond areas marked with white stakes within the course.
- b) Within the fence surrounding the reservoir.
- c) The practice ground.
- d) Between the fences in front of the 3rd tee.
- e) The outer line of the path surrounding the clubhouse and the clubhouse.

2) Integral Part of the Course (Rule 2.3)

- a) The path running between the trees and fence on the right side of the 18th.
- b) The path running alongside the burn, from the car park to the reservoir, across the 18th.
These areas are integral parts of the course and free relief is not allowed.

3) Ground Under Repair (Rule 16.1)

- a) Areas marked with closed white lines or signed.
- b) Areas of seeded ground.
- c) Drainage ditches filled with small stones.
- d) Drainage holes on the putting green.
(Relief must be taken – no penalty stroke)

4) Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

All unmarked ditches are classed as red penalty areas. These do not include drainage ditches filled with stones which are classed as Ground Under Repair (Rule 16.1).

5) Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1)

- a) All fixed sprinkler heads are Immovable Obstructions and relief from interference by them may be obtained under Rule 16.1. In addition, if such an obstruction is on, or is within two clubs of the putting green of the hole being played intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may obtain relief, without penalty as follows:
If the ball is in the general area and is within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the obstruction, it may be lifted, cleaned, and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which:
 - (1) Is not nearer the hole.
 - (2) Avoids such intervention.
 - (3) Is in the general area.
- b) Young trees defined by stakes or growing tubes. This includes the young trees without stakes to the rear of the 1st green, the rough on the left of the 2nd, to the rear of the 15th green and the rough on the right of the 15th beyond the 14th tees.
- c) All roads, paths and bridges which have an artificial surface, and their edges.

Penalty for breach of local rules:

Match Play – Loss of Hole, Stroke Play – Two Strokes



Local Rules - Explanatory Notes

1) Out of Bounds (Rule 2.1)

All areas outside the boundary edge of the course as defined by the Committee.

The boundary edge is defined by boundary objects or lines:

Stakes and fences: The boundary edge is defined by the line between the course-side points of the stakes or fence posts at ground level (excluding angled supports), and those stakes or fence posts are out of bounds.

Walls: A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall defining the boundary of the course.

Lines: When defined by a painted line on the ground, the boundary edge is the course-side edge of the line, and the line itself is out of bounds.

2) Integral Part of the Course (Rule 2.3)

Integral objects are artificial objects from which free relief is not available. Examples could be objects that are designed to be part of the challenge of playing the course such as certain roads or paths from which players have traditionally been expected to play.

Objects that are so close to a boundary or other feature on the course that if free relief is available from the obstruction, it also results in the player being able to drop away from the boundary or other feature when this is not desirable.

3) Ground Under Repair (Rule 16.1)

In general, when ground conditions are abnormal to the course or it is unreasonable to require a player to play from a specific area, these will be considered as ground under repair, whether marked or not. Relief must be taken.

4) Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

An area from which relief with a one-stroke penalty is allowed if the player's ball comes to rest there.

Yellow penalty areas (marked with yellow lines or yellow stakes) give the player two relief options (Rules 17.1d(1) and (2)). Red penalty areas (marked with red lines or red stakes) give the player an extra lateral relief option (Rule 17.1d(3)), in addition to the two relief options available for yellow penalty areas.

If the colour of a penalty area has not been marked or indicated by the Committee, it is treated as a red penalty area.

When the edge of a ditch is not defined by the Committee, the edge of that penalty area is defined by its natural boundaries (that is, where the ground slopes down to form the depression that can hold the water).

5) Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1)

Rule 16 covers when and how the player may take free relief by playing a ball from a different place, such as when there is interference by an abnormal course condition. These conditions are not treated as part of the challenge of playing the course, and free relief is generally allowed except in a penalty area. The player normally takes relief by dropping a ball in a relief area based on the nearest point of complete relief. This Rule also covers free relief when a player's ball is embedded in its own pitch mark in the general area.