

Local Rules

A-1 Out of Bounds Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes with black tops or of boundary fence posts. The area beyond the line joining the facing surfaces of the railway piers at ground level on holes 12 and 18 is out of bounds. A ball crossing and coming to rest on or beyond the railway line is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

B-1 Defining Penalty Areas All penalty areas are red penalty areas.

B-3 Provisional Ball for Penalty Area If a player does not know whether his or her ball is in the penalty area on the 2nd, 7th, 8th or 11th hole, the player may play a provisional ball under *Rule 18.3 Provisional Ball*, which is modified in this way:

In playing the provisional ball, the player may use the stroke-and-distance relief option (see *Rule 17.1d (1)*), the back-on-the-line relief option (see *Rule 17.1d (2)*) or, if it is a red penalty area, lateral relief option (see *Rule 17.1d (3)*). If a dropping zone is available for this penalty area, the player may also use that relief option.

Once the player has played a provisional ball under this Rule, he or she may not use any further options under *Rule 17.1 Options for Your Ball in Penalty Area* in relation to the original ball.

In deciding when that provisional ball becomes the player's ball-in-play or if it may or must be abandoned, *Rule 18.3c (2)* and *18.3c (3)* apply except that:

- When Original Ball Is Found in Penalty Area Within Three-Minute Search Time. The player may choose either to:
 - Continue to play the original ball as it lies in the penalty area, in which case the provisional ball must not be played. All strokes with that provisional ball before it was abandoned (including strokes made and any penalty strokes solely from playing that ball) do not count, or
 - Continue to play the provisional ball in which case the original ball must not be played.
- When Original Ball Is Not Found Within Three-Minute Search Time or Is Known or is Virtually Certain to Be in Penalty Area. The provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play.

C-4 The Practice Bunker located to the left of the 9th fairway is ground under repair (GUR) and is part of the general area. Free relief is available under *Rule 16.1b Relief for Ball in General Area*.

E-1.1 Dropping Zone 7th Hole If a ball is in the penalty area on the 7th hole, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for **one penalty stroke**:

- Take relief under *Rule 17.1 Options for Your Ball in Penalty Area*, or
- As an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone defined by the extremities of the artificial turf pad on the green side of the dam and indicated by the blue peg. The dropping zone is a relief area under *Rule 14.3 Dropping Ball in Relief Area*.

E-1.2 Dropping Zone - Cultivated Gardens If a ball is in a GUR cultivated garden or an abutting path, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the cultivated garden, the player may:

- Take free relief under *Rule 16.1 Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions)*, or
- As an extra option, where provided, take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone marked by a blue stake nearest to the reference point. Drop within a 1 metre radius of the blue stake. Dropping zones are relief areas under *Rule 14.3 Dropping Ball in Relief Area*.

See also *Local Rule F3.3*.

E-4 Aeration Holes If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

(a) Ball in General Area The player may take relief under *Rule 16.1b Relief for Ball in General Area*. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.

(b) Ball on Putting Green The player may take relief under *Rule 16.1d. Relief for Ball on Putting Green*.

But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on a putting green, on the player's line of play.

E-8.1 No Play Zones The nursery green to the left of the 3rd fairway and the area within any cultivated garden are no play zones that are to be treated as abnormal course conditions. Free relief must be taken from interference by a no play zone under *Rule 16.1f, Relief Must Be Taken from Interference by No Play Zone in Abnormal Course Conditions*.

E-10 Staked Trees The young trees identified by stakes are no play zones:

- If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under *Rule 16.1f (Abnormal course conditions)*.
- If the ball lies in a penalty area, and interference to the player's stance or area of intended swing exists from such a tree, the player must take relief either with penalty under *Rule 17.1e* or with free relief under *Rule 17.1e (2) Relief Must Be Taken from Interference by No Play Zone in Penalty Area*.

F-1 Defining Abnormal Course Conditions and Integral Objects.

- GUR is defined by a white line or alternatively by white stakes. The stakes are immovable obstructions.
- Tree guards and stakes defining hazards are immovable obstructions.

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F-3.3 Cultivated Gardens and Abutting Paths Cultivated gardens that are surrounded by or abut an artificially surfaced or edged road or path (including everything growing within that area) and the road or path are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under *Rule 16.1 Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions)*.

F-4 Wheel Ruts Except in a penalty area, clearly defined wheel marks or ruts made by a mower, tractor or motor vehicle are an abnormal course condition from which relief may be taken under *Rule 16.1. Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions)*.

F-5 Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under *Rule 16.1 Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions)*.

The player also has these extra options 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:

- On the line of play, and is:
 - Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
 - Within two club-lengths of the ball.

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 that is clearly unreasonable.

F-7 Seam of Cut Turf If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing:

- (a) Ball in General Area The player may take relief under *Rule 16.1b*.
- (b) Ball on Putting Green The player may take relief under *Rule 16.1d*.

But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.

All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under *Rule 14.3c (2) Ball Dropped in Right Way Must Come to Rest in Relief Area* even when the ball is still within one club-length of the original reference point.

F-8 Cracks in the Ground in parts of the general area cut to fairway height or less are GUR. The player may take relief under *Rule 16.1b Abnormal Course Conditions*.

But interference does not exist if the crack only interferes with the player's stance.

F-17 Paths and Roads All paths and roads on the course which are artificially surfaced or edged are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under *Rule 16.1 Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions)*.

All other paths, roads, and tracks are an integral part of the course.

F-19 Edging Grooves Near Putting Greens The edging grooves around the aprons or fringes of putting greens are GUR. If a player's ball lies in or touches a groove or a groove interferes with the area of intended swing:

- (a) Ball in General Area The player may take relief under *Rule 16.1b*.
- (b) Ball on Putting Green The player may take relief under *Rule 16.1d*.

But interference does not exist if the edging groove only interferes with the player's stance.

I-1 Practising Before Rounds *Rule 5.2b Practising on Course Before or Between Rounds – Stroke Play* is modified in this way:

A player may practise on the following specified parts of the competition course before or between rounds:

- Practice putting green near the club house and two club lengths around that green.
- The practice nets between the 1st tee and the 9th green.
- The area generally bounded by the tree lines of the 1st, 2nd and 9th holes. The practice area does not extend closer than 15 metres to any fairway.
- The area generally bounded by the tree lines of the 3rd, 6th, 7th and 8th holes. The practice area does not extend closer than 20 metres to any fairway.

Practice outside these specified parts of the competition course is a breach of *Rule 5.2b*.

J-1 Suspension of Play A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by one 3-second siren blast repeated after 30 seconds. All other suspensions will be signalled by three 1-second siren blasts repeated after 30 seconds. In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by two 1-second siren blasts. See *Rule 5.7b*.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE

unless otherwise specified in the Local Rules or the applicable Rule:

General Penalty under the applicable Rule.

General Penalty: Match Play - Loss of Hole. Stroke Play - Two Strokes.