

Please note:

- The below rules are to be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf and any temporary Local Rules.
- Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty of two strokes in stroke play, or loss of hole in matchplay.

LOCAL RULES EFFECTIVE 22nd February 2022

1-OUT OF BOUNDS

REFERENCE TO RULE 18.2

Out of bounds is defined by the line between the ground level course-side points of white stakes with black markings, painted black line segments (e.g. near the 1st and 10th tees), or fences.

During play of the 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th holes, the practice range area and maintenance compound defined by white stakes, is out of bounds.

Any object defining a boundary, such as wall or fence or stake, is an immovable obstruction and free relief is not permitted (Rule 8.1a). Players may take an unplayable lie under Rule 19.2.

2-ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE – LOST BALLS & OUT OF BOUNDS

REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE PROCEDURE 8E-5

For regular events, including Monthly Medals, players may take relief rather than proceeding under Rule 18 of the Rules of Golf for a ball lost or hit out of bounds. Please note this rule is not available in major championship events as outlined by the Match Committee.

- Option 1: Players may add a one-stroke penalty and replay their ball from where the previous stroke was made if they determine their ball has been lost or hit out of bounds.
- Option 2: Players may take a two-stroke penalty and drop their ball in the defined relief area:

To determine the relief area:

- 1) Locate the ball reference point which is the point where the ball was determined to have been come to rest and lost, or where the ball last crossed the edge of the course; and
- 2) Locate the fairway reference point which is the point of the nearest fairway edge but not nearer to the hole. If the reference point is short of the fairway, players may use a grass path or teeing ground of the hole being cut to fairway length or less.

The relief area:

- 1) A line from the hole through the ball reference point and within two club-lengths of that line, but in the general area (not out of bounds)
- 2) A line from the hole through the fairway reference point and within two club lengths of that line

Taking Relief

Players must drop their ball in the determined relief area, no nearer to the hole.

3-NO PLAY ZONES

REFERENCE TO RULE 16.1(f)

Cultivated garden beds are no play zones that are to be treated as an abnormal course condition. Free relief must be taken from interference by the no play zone.

Staked trees and shrubs

Where a staked tree interferes with a player's swing or stance, the ball is in a no play zone which relief must be taken.

4-ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS AND IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

REFERENCE TO RULE 16.1

Relief from Immovable Obstructions near putting green

A player may take relief 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.

Players may take relief of one-club length of the reference point, no nearer to the hole.

Stakes defining penalty areas or ground under repair. Such stakes are immovable obstructions from which relief may be taken if they interfere with a player's swing or stance.

Damage in Bunkers by Kangaroos

Damage in bunkers that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by a kangaroo is an abnormal course condition from which relief is permitted. However, interference does not exist if the damage only interferes with the player's stance. Players may take one-club length of relief from the reference point.

Damage on Putting Greens

If the player's ball lies on the putting surface, relief may be taken from areas of damage caused by birds or other animals and is to be treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed. The player may place their ball back on the putting surface, at the nearest point of relief, not nearer to the hole. Interference does not exist if the damage only interferes with the player's stance.

Roads, Paths, and Tracks

Roads, paths, and tracks on the course (other than those which have manufactured edges, or are constructed of concrete, bitumen or introduced surfaces) are integral parts of the course and therefore the ball must be played as it lies or declared unplayable. If the ball is determined unplayable, players should proceed under Rule 19.2.

Active Ants Nests

At the player's option, an ant's nest on which ants are active (i.e. visible and/or mobile) may be treated as an abnormal course condition and relief taken. The relief option is available when the ball touches or is on the active ant's nest, if the player's normal stance is touching or on the active ant's nest, or when both of the above apply.

Other Abnormal Conditions

Relief may be taken from the following abnormal course conditions:

- a. Ground under repair defined by an area marked by white stakes or encircled by a white line, or dots.
- b. Clearly defined wheel ruts made by a mower, tractor or motor vehicle.

5 - BALL DEFLECTED BY POWERLINES OR POWERPOLE

REFERENCE TO RULE 14.6

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line or power pole the stroke is cancelled and does not count. The player must replay the stroke without penalty after dropping a ball within one club-length of the reference point of the previous stroke, no nearer to the hole.

6 - MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

REFERENCE TO RULE 15.2

All stakes (other than those defining penalty areas or ground under repair), poles, ropes, hoops, and ground-level signage on the course are treated as movable obstructions from which free relief is allowed.

7 - SUSPENSION AND RESUMPTION OF PLAY

REFERENCE TO RULE 5.7(b)

Players must abide by all sirens issued by the Match Committee. If players commence, continue, or complete play following the suspension or delay of play, the player will be disqualified. The Committee can suspend play for any reason, and play will not resume until the Committee advises the resumption of competition.

GENERAL INFORMATION**1) FLAGSTICK DISTANCE MARKINGS**

 **FRONT**  **MIDDLE**  **BACK**

2) COURSE MARKINGS

DISTANCE MARKINGS	Distances are to the centre of the green
WHITE STAKES	Out of bounds
WHITE STAKES, LINES, OR DOTS	Ground under repair (GUR)
RED STAKES OR LINES	Penalty Area
BLUE STAKE WITH GREEN TIPS	No play zone

3) SIREN SIGNALS

ONE LONG BLAST	Play suspended
TWO LONG BLASTS	Play resumes
REPEATED BLASTS	Play abandoned

4) ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE

The alternative to stroke and distance relief is available at the Federal Golf Club

TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty of two strokes in stroke play, or loss the loss of hole in matchplay.

1. **1. FREE RELIEF - CORE HOLES:** On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.