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These Local Rules are to be read alongside any temporary local rules published on the notice board. **UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE SHALL BE THE GENERAL PENALTY** (namely loss of hole in match-play and two strokes in stroke-play).

References to Rules of Golf and Model Local Rules below are to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective 1 January 2023 and the Clarifications updated quarterly by The R&A which can be found at www.randa.org.

- 1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2) a) Beyond any wall, fence, hedge or line of white stakes defining the boundary of the course (where there is a fence within a hedge, the fence defines the boundary); b) On or beyond any white line defining the boundary of the course; c) (i) on or beyond the path to the left of the 1st fairway beyond the corner of the fence and continuing behind the 3rd green, (ii) on or beyond the road to the left of 17, (iii) in or beyond the ditches to the left of holes 5 or 6 and (iv) in or over the flower bed to the left of the 18th green , in each case identified by white stakes with black bands; d) where a white line or physical feature (e.g. fence, road or watercourse) is used to define a boundary, white with black tops stakes may be used for visibility. Stakes are boundary objects unless they have a black band in which case, they are moveable obstructions).**
- 2. Penalty Areas (Rule 17) - All penalty areas are Red Penalty Areas from which relief may be taken under rule 17. The edges of the penalty areas are defined as follows, where: a) both stakes and lines are used, the edge of the penalty area is the course side edge**



of the line and the stakes are solely for visibility to players; b) stakes alone are used or there are no stakes or lines, the edge of the penalty area is, on both sides, defined by its natural boundaries (that is, where the ground slopes down to form the depression that can hold the water); c) where a penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary; d) when a player's ball is found in or is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area and the point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area was at a point coinciding with the boundary of the course, opposite side relief is available under Model Local Rule B-2.2. The penalty area to the right of holes 4 and 13 comprises the ditch and the adjacent hedge.

3. **Ground Under Repair (Rule 16.1)**
 - a) Any area encircled by a white or blue line or otherwise marked as GUR; b) Any area of damaged ground in the general area declared by the Committee or its authorised representative to be abnormal; c) whilst playing holes 4 and 16, any piles of grass cuttings to the left of the 4th red tee or right of the 16th green adjacent to the greenkeepers' shed.
4. **Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1) include:**
 - a) All artificially surfaced roads, paths, winter tees (mats), raised tees with mats and areas where the artificial surfacing material has been transferred and, in the case of hole 9, the immovable obstruction comprises the area within the blue lines. All other paths and tracks are integral parts of the course.
 - b) White lined areas adjoining any immovable obstruction are part of the obstruction and not



ground under repair

c) The half-way hut, course furniture and irrigation equipment, stiles in boundary fences, the wire protective screens near the first tee and to the left of hole 17 and all stone filled drainage channels and depressed drainage channels on 1st & 2nd holes.

d) The landscaped gardens to the right of tees 1/18 and the adjacent artificially surfaced path are a single abnormal ground condition.

e) Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1

f) The player also has the option to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play as follows: Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play, and 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.

5. **Integral Objects** - Bunker liners, artificial stacked turf (riveting) and artificial bunker faces in their intended position, artificial retaining walls and pilings located in penalty areas and penalty area stakes attached to boundary objects are each integral objects from which free relief is **NOT** allowed.

6. **Young Trees** identified by being staked (whether attached or not) or plastic protected 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. 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)

7. No Play Zone (Rule 16.1f) – (a) The greenkeepers' shed between holes 2 and 16. As an option additional to those under Rule 16.1, a player may take free relief by dropping the original ball or another in the dropping zone which comprises one club length from the coloured stake but no nearer the hole. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3 and the coloured stake is a moveable obstruction and (b) Wildflower beds identified by blue stakes with black bands.
8. Suspension of Play - Players must comply with the Club's Suspension of Play Policy
9. Replacement of Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged, **EXCEPT** in cases of abuse – Model Local Rule G-9 shall apply.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR SUSPENSION OF PLAY GUIDELINES.



SUSPENSION OF PLAY

There will be occasions when we **MUST** delay the opening of the course in the mornings until fog has cleared, this will firstly impact on players with early start times. Delaying the commencement of the start sheet and retaining the original gaps in tee bookings would impact those playing later in the day, meaning they may be unable to complete their rounds. It has been decided to manage these occasions as follows.

When the course re-opens players will be allowed onto the course in the same order as they were on the start sheet but with shorter intervals between tee off times until the back log has cleared, at which point the original start sheet times will be re-instated.

The Pro Shop team will regulate this process, advising waiting groups of their revised tee time and we would ask two things of members:

- 1. Any player or group who decides not to wait to play should advise the pro shop so that vacant tee slots can be used effectively.**
- 2. That all players should arrive at the tee just prior to their revised tee time and must not congregate in groups on the tee.**

We would ask you to acknowledge the challenges of getting players onto the course in these conditions and to politely comply with the guidance from the staff.

LIGHTNING

If there is a risk of lightning, players are advised to stop play – if in competition, rule 6-8 of the Rules of Golf explains the procedure to be taken. In the absence of a klaxon, play can resume once the threat of lightning has passed. When not in competition, players are still advised to stop play but it is their decision whether to continue or not. Playing in such conditions is dangerous and players do so at their own risk.