

LOCAL RULES

with effect from Tuesday 7 Apr 2026

OUT OF BOUNDS:

Out of bounds is defined as:

- On or beyond the white line and/or white posts: on all paths, artificial or paved, surrounding the Clubhouse, or leading to the Professional shop and down to the trolley shed at the first tee, the car park and practice areas.
- All boundary fences and hedges of the course. Where the out of bounds is defined by a hedge, the boundary line is deemed to be the inside line of the hedge trunks at ground level.

The white posts with black tops to the rear of the 9th and 18th greens and to the left of the 3rd green indicate nearby out of bounds and are movable obstructions.

PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES:

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 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.

RELIEF FROM TREE ROOTS IN FAIRWAY:

If a player's ball on, or within two club lengths of, the fairway has interference from exposed tree roots, free relief is available under Rule 16.1b. But interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN:

In addition to the types of interference described in Rule 16.1a, when a ball lies in the general area, interference also exists if an immovable obstruction, such as a fixed sprinkler head, is on the player's line of play, is within two club-lengths of the putting green and is within two club-lengths of the ball. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. (Exception-There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.)

NO PLAY ZONES (NPZ)

Any area of Ground Under Repair is a no play zone when encircled by a white line, and also identified with a blue stake. Complete relief must be taken under 16.1f.

DROPPING ZONE

If a player's ball is in the No Play Zone to the right of the 15th fairway and including when it is known, or virtually certain, that a ball that has not been found is in the NPZ, the player has these relief options:

- The player may take relief under [Rule 16.1](#), or
- As an extra option, the player may take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the nearest dropping zone which is not nearer to the hole to where the ball came to rest, or if not found, where the ball is estimated to have last crossed the edge of the NPZ. The three dropping zones are marked by white lines and designated 'DZ'. The dropping zone is a relief area under [Rule 14.3](#).

SUSPENSION OF PLAY:

A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by one long blast of a klaxon horn. All other suspensions will be signalled by two short blasts of a klaxon horn. In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by multiple blasts of a klaxon horn.

ROBOTIC MOWERS

The robotic mower is an Outside Influence, relief is available under Rules 9.6, 11.1b(1) and 16.1.

DECORATIVE PLANTED AREAS

Decorative planted areas on the course bordered by immovable obstructions (logs), including everything growing within the area, are to be treated as a single abnormal course condition from which play is prohibited and relief must be taken under Rule 16.1f.

ROPES AND STAKES

All ropes and supporting stakes are moveable obstructions.

GPS REPEATER SUPPORT TELEGRAPH POLES

The GPS Repeater supporting telegraph poles positioned around the course are immovable obstructions. If a player's ball touches such pole, or such pole interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing (but not the line of play), the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

PREFERRED LIES

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.

Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: 6 inches from the reference point, but with these limits:

- Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
- Must be in the general area.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

CLEANING BALL IN THE GENERAL AREA

When a player's ball lies in the general area, the ball may be lifted, cleaned and replaced without penalty. The player must mark the spot before lifting the ball (see Rule 14.1) and the ball must be replaced on its original spot (see Rule 14.2).

AERATION/VERTI DRAIN HOLES

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

- Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.
- Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

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