# LOCAL RULES with effect from Monday 16th November 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.

**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 AREA**

The decorative planted area adjacent to the 11th Tee bordered by immovable obstructions (railway sleepers), including everything growing within the area, is to be treated as a single abnormal course condition from which play is prohibited and relief must be taken under Rule 16.1f. All other decorative planted areas are integral parts of the course.

**ROPES AND STAKES**

All ropes and supporting stakes are moveable obstructions.

**ROBOTIC MOWER AND TELEGRAPH POLES**

The robotic mower docking station between 5th and 6th fairways and the telegraph poles positioned around the course are immoveable obstructions. If a player's ball touches the docking station or pole, or the docking station or 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.

**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.

**DRAINAGE LINES**

If a player's ball lies in or touches a drainage line when playing Holes 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 17 the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. But interference does not exist if the drainage line only interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing

**TEMPORARY GREENS (WRONG GREENS)**

The Temporary Greens are defined by a white line. When playing the Main Greens, the Temporary Greens are the Wrong Green, when playing the Temporary Greens, the Main Greens are the Wrong Green

- Any part of the player's ball touches a wrong green or lies on or in anything (such as a loose impediment or an obstruction) and is inside the edge of a wrong green, or on the white line, or
- A wrong green physically interferes with the player's area of intended stance or area of intended swing.

Relief must be taken when there is interference by a wrong green, a player must not play the ball as it lies. Instead, the player must take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

**PREFERRED LIES (WHEN USING A PUTTER)**

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, and the player is using a putter, 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.

**MANDATORY USE of MATS**

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less and a putter is not being used for the stroke, the ball must be lifted, placed on and played from an Astroturf, or similar type, of mat. The mat must be placed as near as possible to where the ball originally lay, and the ball must be placed on the mat. The ball may be cleaned when lifted. If the ball on the mat is accidentally moved before a stroke is made, there is no penalty, and the ball must be placed again on the mat. If a tee is used to secure the mat into the ground, the ball must not be placed on the tee.

Fairway mats may not be used in the rough**.**

**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).

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