

THE RULES OF GOLF EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 AND THE INTERPRETATIONS ON THE RULES OF GOLF, 2019 AS APPROVED BY THE R & A RULES LIMITED AND THE UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION WILL APPLY. LOCAL RULES CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY SET FORTH UNDER COMMITTEE PROCEDURES OF THE RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS.

1. **BOUNDARIES** - The boundaries of the course are defined as follows:
  - a) Boundary walls running around the course
  - b) The ICL Hut and car park RHS/behind 8<sup>th</sup> green, bounded by the fence
  - c) The Sewage treatment plant in front of tee 17 bounded by the fence
  - d) The driving range to the left of fairway 9 marked with white stakes
  - e) White lines drawn on the ground in the car park area beyond the 18<sup>th</sup> green.
  - f) The short fence behind the 18<sup>th</sup> green
  - g) The wall to the left and right side of the car park around 18<sup>th</sup> green.
2. **OUT OF BOUNDS** – Beyond any wall, fence or white stakes defining the boundary of the course.

*Note:*

(a) When defined by stakes or a fence, the boundary edge is defined by the line between the course-side points of the stakes or fence posts at ground level (excluding angled supports), and those stakes or fence posts are out of bounds.

A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or **over** such line.

(b) When defined by a painted line on the ground, the boundary edge is the course-side edge of the line, and the line itself is out of bounds.

### 3. **ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (INCLUDING IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS) (RULE 16.1)**

- A) All areas bounded by white lines.
- B) The buggy shed and maintenance area LHS of fairway 7
- C) The stone bridges RHS of fairway 11
- D) All teeing ground boards, sprinkler tapping points, yardage markers and other man made objects not defined as integral to the course.
- E) **Relief from Seams of Cut Turf : Model Local Rule F-7**

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:

(i) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

(ii) 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 14.3 c (2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.**

- F) **Prohibiting Relief from Abnormal Ground Conditions when only Stance Interference Exists: Model Local Rule F-6**

Rule 16.1 is modified in this way: Interference does not exist if a hole, cast or runway made by a burrowing animal, a reptile or a bird, Fire or bull ant mounds, nests or beds only interferes with the player's stance.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: **General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.**

**G) Ground under repair treated as part of nearby Obstruction**

**(i) Model Local Rule F-3.1**

White-lined areas of ground under repair and the identified obstruction they tie into, are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

**(ii) Model Local Rule F-3.3**

Decorative planted areas, such as flower beds that are surrounded by an Artificially surfaced 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.

**H) Line of Play Relief for Protective Fence:** For 5<sup>th</sup> Gents Teeing ground guard ONLY, in addition to relief available under Rule 16.1, during play of the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole, Line of Sight relief may be taken if the net intervenes directly between the player's ball and the green by dropping the ball more than one club-length but less than two club lengths from the nearest edge of net to where the ball lies.

**In addition, Model Local Rule E-6 applies:** During play of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hole , if the protective net on the 5<sup>th</sup> teeing ground is on a player's line of play, the player may take free relief by dropping a ball in and playing it from the dropping zone marked adjacent to the protective net.

**But** this relief is allowed only if the ball is in play nearer the hole than where the dropping zone is located (see Rule 14.3).

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**4. PENALTY AREAS (RULE 17)**

Penalty areas are defined as either red or yellow.

Yellow *penalty areas* (marked with yellow lines or yellow stakes) give the player two relief options (Rules 17.1d(1) and (2)).

Red *penalty areas* (marked with red lines or red stakes) give the player an extra lateral relief option (Rule 17.1d(3)), in addition to the two relief options available for yellow *penalty areas*.

If the colour of a *penalty area* has not been marked or indicated, it is treated as a red *penalty area*.

**5. BALL DEFLECTED BY POWER LINE : MODEL LOCAL RULE E-11**

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line or tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line during the play of a hole, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.**

**6. FREE LIFT ZONE –** When a ball in play, lies in the free lift zones (marked by BLUE STONES) running parallel to the public road cutting across the 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes, it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped without penalty, not nearer the hole, at any point on the perpendicular line joining the corresponding fence and the line joining the BLUE stones.

A ball in play, which lies on the roads parallel and to the right and left of the 18<sup>th</sup> green, within the line joining the BLUE markers painted on the chain link fence

and the out of bounds wall, may be lifted, cleaned and dropped without penalty in the nearest DROP ZONE marked on the right and left sides of the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway.

7. **PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES: Model Local Rule E-10** - The young trees identified by white 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.

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).

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a."**

8. **RELIEF FROM DUNG: Model Local Rule F-12**

At the player's option, dung from Dogs may be treated either as a loose impediment that may be removed under Rule 15.1, or Ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. If dung is found on the putting green, the player may also use a suitable greens switch or other tool to remove the dung from the line of play. If doing so improves the line of play or other conditions affecting the stroke, there is no penalty under Rule 8.1a.

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9. **PRACTICE BUNKER AS PART OF GENERAL AREA: Model Local Rule C-4**

The practice bunkers located in the practice area, adjacent to Tee 9, are ground under repair and part of the general area. Free relief is available under Rule 16.1b.

11. **PRACTICE GREEN: Model Local Rule D-5.3 is modified as under:**

The 4 practice greens located in the practice area, left of the 9<sup>th</sup> teeing ground, are not wrong greens but are no play zones and hence treated as ground under repair and a player MUST take free relief under Rule 16.1b.

12. **PROHIBITING PLAY FROM APRON OF GREEN # 4: Model Local Rule D-4**

When playing Hole # 3, if the player must take relief under Rule 13.1f because his or her ball came to rest on the putting green of Hole # 4 or that putting green interferes with his or her stance or area of intended swing:

- In finding the relief area to be used when taking this relief, the putting green of Hole # 4 is defined to include the apron around the putting green.
- This means that the nearest point of complete relief must avoid interference from the apron, in addition to the putting green.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.**

13. **PROHIBITING USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES: Model Local Rule G-7**

Rule 4.3a is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not wear non golf shoes such as trainers, keds, running, tennis or other similar shoes.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule - see Rule 4.3**

14. **BALL STRIKING FENCE ACROSS PUBLIC ROAD**

A ball, in the course of its carry or otherwise, striking the protective fence across the 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes, MUST be played as it lies unless the ball lies in the free lift zone, whereupon the player may proceed, without penalty, under Local Rule 6, above. If the ball is lost or out of bounds, Rule 18 applies.

15. **ON COURSE UNITS USED FOR LIGHTING & PUBLIC LIGHT POLES**

If a ball strikes an on-course lighting unit or public light pole, the ball must be played as it lies. If the ball is lost or out of bounds, Rule 18 applies.

**16. REPLACEMENT OF CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED: Model Local Rule G9 is modified as under:**

Rule 4.1b(3) is modified in this way:

If a player's club is "broken or significantly damaged" during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4).

When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the broken or significantly damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1).

For the purposes of this Local Rule:

- A club is "broken or significantly damaged" when:
- the shaft breaks into pieces, splinters or is bent (but not when the shaft is only dented)
- the club face impact area is visibly deformed (but not when the club face is only scratched)
- the clubhead is visibly and significantly deformed
- the clubhead is detached or loose from the shaft,
- the grip is loose.

**Exception:** A club face or clubhead is not "broken or significantly damaged" solely because it is cracked.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule – See Rule 4.1b.**

**17. INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE**

- (i) The 1<sup>st</sup> hole starters hut
- (ii) The drinks hut behind green 5
- (iii) The pump house behind the penalty area, RHS of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>
- (iv) The TNGF office area and old kitchen next to the ICL Hut
- (v) The drinks hut behind green 12
- (vi) The pump house LHS fairway 1
- (vii) The bridge connecting 8<sup>th</sup> tee to the 17<sup>th</sup> tee
- (viii) The fish net and its support on the wall on 14<sup>th</sup> fairway/green.
- (ix) All cart paths on the course

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES (unless otherwise stated)**

**Match Play – Loss of Hole**

**Stroke Play – Two Strokes**

ALL PAR 3's ARE CALL HOLES, PLAY FAST , REPAIR DIVOTS, BALL-MARKS & DAMAGE BY SPIKES, SMOOTH OVER ALL FOOTPRINTS & HOLES IN BUNKERS, AVOID DAMAGE TO COURSE THROUGH PRACTICE SWINGS & TO GREENS.