

SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB

Temporary Local Rules

Effective **23rd November 2023** until further Notice

1st Hole is closed and out of play in its entirety. Hole 2B in play.

9th Tee, rear and front half of 2nd Tee are closed. Tee off forward on holes 9, 2 & 2A.

5th Tee is closed with temporary tees forward of cross over pathway.

4th green is closed with temporary green in play.

Players playing the Front 9 will commence that nine by teeing off the 8th Hole followed by holes 9, 2, 2A, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and then 10th.

When making their way from 9th green to 2nd tee, players must not walk/drive anywhere along the 9th or 1st hole or within any area where works are being carried out or barriers are erected. Players shall, using the appropriate due care and attention, utilise the cart-paths along the 1st hole.

1st HOLE IS DECLARED NPZ

All areas of the 1st Hole, from the Tee to the back of the Green and between the Orange Barrier Tape between the 1st & 9th holes and on the **left** side of the entire length of the cart path on the right side of the **1st hole**, is declared General Area and further declared as NPZ.

If a player's ball enters this area, they MUST NOT RETRIEVE THEIR BALL, **unless safe to do so.**

No Ball is permitted to be played from within this area, and whether their ball is retrieved or not, FREE relief MUST be taken in the following manner:-

Playing 9th Hole – Free relief, equidistance from the hole (No nearer the hole) dropping within one club length from the nearest point of relief (reference point) from the barrier fence or **star pickets** from where the balls lies. If the ball is lost in that NPZ area, relief is taken from the point where the ball last crossed the barrier tape/ **star pickets**.

Playing 18th hole - Free relief, equidistance from the hole (No nearer the hole) dropping within one club length from the nearest point of relief (reference point) from the cart path **along the right side of the 1st hole** from where the balls lies. If the ball is lost in that NPZ area, relief is taken from the point where the ball last crossed the cart path **along the 1st hole**.

The Orange Barrier Tape and the associated posts are declared IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS. If a player's ball comes to rest on the **3rd hole or 9th hole** side of the barrier fence and the fence or posts interferes with a players stance or swing, a player may take free relief dropping their ball within one club length of the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole.

When playing the 2nd hole from the Teeing area, if a player's ball crosses the water adjacent the tee and comes to rest in the NPZ of the 1st Hole, free relief shall be taken by dropping the ball on the 2nd hole side of the pathway along the 1st hole **BUT no nearer the hole. If the only relief option is nearer the hole, free relief shall be taken by dropping the ball in the designated Drop Zone located between the water and the front of the 2nd tee. If the ball comes to rest in the NPZ, a player may not be replay their ball from the Teeing Area unless taking penalty relief, therefore 2 stroke penalty.**

4th Green proper, 2nd tee, 5th tee and 9th tee, where under construction or renovation, are declared General Area and further declared as NPZ. Relief must be taken as signed or in accordance with Rule 61.1b.