

LOCAL RULES TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RULES OF GOLF AND ANY TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES AS DISPLAYED

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OUT OF BOUNDS - OOB (RULE 18.2A)

- Beyond **the inside line of** any fence bounding the golf course.
- Beyond **the inside line of any** white stakes with black tops **or painted boundary line**
- On the **12th Hole**, beyond white squares with black dots on the northern kerb of the entry road. A Ball which crosses the northern kerb of the entry road, **which** comes to rest beyond that point, is out of bounds even though it might lie on another part of the course.

LOCAL RULE – LOST BALL OR OOB

The Model Local Rule E-5, **LOST BALL OR BALL OUT OF BOUNDS:**

- When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed under the alternate Stroke and Distance Local Rule for a **Penalty of two strokes**, rather than proceeding under the standard Stroke and Distance rule provided under rules 17, 18 or 19.
- **The ball MUST be dropped anywhere between the point where the ball is known or believed to be lost/out of bounds and within 2 club lengths of the nearest edge of the fairway, no nearer the hole.**
- This Local Rule is not available if a provisional ball has been played.

NO PLAY ZONE (NPZ)

All No Play Zones, NOT WITHIN A Penalty Area, are declared as Abnormal Course Condition and are further defined as Ground Under Repair (GUR). Relief **MUST** be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1

GROUND UNDER REPAIR (GUR)

Free relief is permitted from the following GUR circumstances under Rule 16.1 if the ball lies in or the GUR interferes with a player's stance or swing:

- Areas defined by white stakes, lines or signs.
- Any and all tree roots which are painted white, in any area of the course are GUR.
- Any painted or unpainted tree root on the fairway, green surround or fringe or within two club lengths of such areas are GUR.
- Clearly defined deep wheel ruts.
- Erosion in bunkers.
- Bunkers marked with a stake. Relief to be taken outside of bunker.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION & OBSTRUCTIONS

Free relief (no nearer the hole) is permitted from the following obstructions under Rule 16.1 if the ball lies in or the obstructions interferes with a players stance or swing:

- Sprinkler heads within the General Area. For sprinkler heads within 2 club lengths of the putting green, if the ball is within two club lengths at that sprinkler head, the additional provision of the sprinkler head being on the players line of play applies. Free complete relief is permitted.
- Stakes defining penalty areas and GUR. (No Relief for ball lying in penalty area)
- Safety screens, Tree protection screens, Staked trees and shrubs.
- Traffic/cart directional signs, posts and ropes and 150 metre markers.
- Exposed matting in a bunker, if your ball lies on or your swing is obstructed by that matting, but the ball must be dropped in the bunker.
- Cart path curbing right of the 1st green has been tied into the wall of the 2nd tee and therefore is one obstruction which includes the hedge. Relief permitted from curbing, garden bed, hedge and wall.
- Seams of Cut Turf: If a player's ball in the general area lies in or touches a seam of cut turf, or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. 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.

ALL ROCK WALLS ARE DECLARED NO PLAY ZONES.

- **Any player or person is not permitted to walk upon or step upon any rock wall.**
- Any rock wall bordering a marked or unmarked penalty area is declared to be inside the penalty area.
- A ball is deemed to be in the penalty area if any part of the ball touches or rests upon any part of a rock wall or single rock forming part of that rock wall.
- If a ball lies upon or touches any such rock or rock wall; or is within a penalty area and a rock wall interferes with a player's stance or swing:
A player SHALL take MANDATORY PENALTY relief from such penalty area in accordance with Rule 17.1.
- If a ball lies outside a penalty area and a rock wall interferes with a player's stance or swing:
A Player SHALL take MANDATORY FREE relief from such penalty area in accordance with Rule 16.1.
- A ball coming to rest on any rocks or rock wall **in front or adjacent the 16th tee, SHALL** take mandatory penalty relief under Rule 17.1 with the additional option of dropping the ball in the nearest designated drop zone under penalty of one stroke.

PENALTY AREAS (RULE 17.1)

- Penalty areas may be defined by red stakes, red lines/dots, physical features such as paths, rock walls, kerbing **or their natural boundaries.**
- All lakes, ponds and watercourses not defined by Red Stakes and/or Red Lines are declared as a Red Penalty area and may be defined by either:
 - The natural boundaries, such as the water itself or where the water meets grass.
 - Where the grass edge dips steeply (vertical drop) and meets an area intended to hold water.
 - The external boundary of a rock wall whether marked or not.
 - Or any other means as determined by the Committee.

A ball touching or in any such water or rock wall, is deemed to be in the penalty area.

- **Unmarked Drains** on the right side of the path on hole 4 and 18 are NOT penalty areas.
- A ball coming to rest in the penalty area **at the rear of or either side of the 15th green, not on or touching rocks, may be played as it lies, or take penalty relief under Rule 17.1.**
- A ball at rest in the Penalty Area **at the rear of the 5th hole beyond the path, or the 11th at the rear of the green,** defined by red stakes with blue tops, **MAY** be dropped in the nearest designated drop zone under penalty of one stroke.

NON-PENALTY AREA (FREE RELIEF AREAS)

Defined by all Blue stakes/poles or all Blue lines/dots.

- **A ball coming to rest in a Free Relief area, or if the Free Relief area interferes with a player's stance or swing, at the rear of the 5th hole (path only),** the player may take free relief **BUT** if taking such relief, the ball shall be dropped in the nearest designated drop zone, **without penalty.**
- A portion of the Fence, Hedge and Path between 14th hole and 18th Tee are within the General Area of the course. Relief from the fence or path (not the hedge) will apply if either interferes with a player's stance or swing under rule 16.1a and 16.1b. No line-of-sight relief applies. If a player's ball comes to rest within the blue lines, dots or stakes, the ball may be marked, lifted and dropped on the right side of the path. The relief area shall be within one club length of the nearest point of relief on the right side of the path but no nearer the hole. (A player is not required to take the nearest point of relief to the left side of the path which may necessitate taking such relief in the hedge or against the fence. No drop zone will be associated with the local rule)

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES.

- Stroke play = two strokes.
 - Matchplay = loss of hole.
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GENERAL INFORMATION

DISTANCES

- The use of measuring devices is permitted.
- All measurements are in metres to centre of green, including 150 metre markers located on either side of fairways.

CEASING OR SUSPENSION OF PLAY (RULE 5.7A)

The Rules provide that during a round, a player **MUST NOT STOP** play except in these cases:

- a) Suspension by committee
- b) Stopping play by agreement in Match Play
- c) Individual player stopping play because of lightning.

A player is not permitted to stop or cease play because of rain or wind, heavy or otherwise, unless the course becomes unplayable. If not declared unplayable by the Committee, a player may request a decision from the Committee or Course Referee as to the ability to play due to weather. In these circumstances, a player may not elect to leave the course, stop or suspend play of their own volition, or they will be disqualified.

NOTIFICATION OF RECOMMENCING, CEASING OR SUSPENSION OF PLAY

- 1 Burst of Siren – Play is Immediately Suspended - Immediate Suspension (Rule 5.7b(1))
- 2 Bursts of Siren – Play is suspended – Normal Suspension (Rule 5.7b(2))
- 3 Bursts of Siren – Play is Recommended (Rule 5.7c)

FLAGS

- White = Front of green
- Yellow = Middle of green
- Checkered = Back of green.

MULCH

Mulch and woodchip on the course (unless there to be removed or spread) is to be treated as an integral part of the course where the individual pieces of mulch and woodchip may be moved as a loose impediment.

SMOKING

Smoking on the course is only permitted in the rough and treed areas.

INDEXING

Golf Australia's recommended Matchplay indexes will be used:

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Match Index	18	8	12	3	14	6	10	1	16	5	11	2	15	7	13	4	17	9

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