

TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS

TREE ROOT REMOVAL (REPAIRS, LAID TURF & UNFILLED HOLES):

Effective Date: This rule remains in place until cancelled

Any unfilled holes resulting from Tree Root removal or Stump Grinding are declared as GUR.

All areas where tree roots or stumps were removed and filled with sand (Not Divots) or laid turf, are declared as GUR.

If a player's ball comes to rest in or on any such area, or such area interferes with a player's stance or swing, a player is entitled to free relief under Rule 16.1.

Relief Area:

Within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief, no nearer the hole. The ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

BARE OR DEAD PATCHES ON APPLICABLE GREENS:

Effective Date: This rule remains in place until cancelled

The repaired/bare/dead patches on any affected green are declared as Abnormal Course Conditions (ACC).

- If a player's ball lies on such ACC, or
 - The ACC interferes with a player's line of play (Not Stance);
- free relief may be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1d.

Therefore:-

If a player's ball is on the putting green and there is interference by such abnormal course condition, the player may take free relief by placing the original ball or another ball on the spot of the nearest point of complete relief.

- The nearest point of complete relief must be either on the putting green or in the general area.
- If there is no such nearest point of complete relief, the player may still take this free relief by using the point of maximum available relief as the reference point, which must be either on the putting green or in the general area.

COLLAR REPLACEMENT – HOLES 1, 2B & 4.

Effective Date: 5th January until cancelled

HOLES 1 & 2B:

From Monday 5th January, contractors and course staff, along with their equipment will be working on or around both greens during play. They will be cutting the dead turf in preparation to lifting and removing same on Wednesday 7th January.

Once lifted, there will be a 3-metre strip of bare earth in place until the 19th January when the new Collars are scheduled to be laid.

RELIEF OPTIONS:

From the 5th until cancelled, these dead areas, bare patches and newly laid collars are declared as **No Play Zones (NPZ)**, noting these areas of the course are **GENERAL AREA**

- If a player's ball lies on or in such NPZ, or
 - If the player's ball in on the Green and NPZ interferes with a player's stance or swing;
- Free relief **MUST** be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1f.

Therefore:-

- If a player's ball lies on or in such NPZ, the player shall take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief IN THE GENERAL AREA, no nearer the hole. (RELIEF AREA IS NOT ON THE PUTTING GREEN)
- If a player's ball lies on the putting green and there is interference to a player's stance or swing from such NPZ, the player shall take free relief by placing the original ball or another ball on the spot of the nearest point of complete relief, on the green, but no nearer the hole.

HOLE 4: Green will be closed from Monday 5th January with a Temporary Green in play. The area at the rear of the 4th Temporary Green, beyond the white line or temporary fence, is declared a No Play Zone (NPZ).

If a player's ball comes to rest on or beyond the white line or temporary fence, free relief must be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1f.

- If a player's ball lies on or in such NPZ, or
 - If the NPZ interferes with a player's stance or swing;
- Free relief **MUST** be taken in the nearest Drop Zone.

RIGHT OF WAY

On or during these dates, for holes 1, 2B & 4, should any worker or their equipment be on or within the vicinity of these holes, **SUCH WORKERS & THEIR EQUIPMENT SHALL HAVE RIGHT OF WAY. ALL PLAYERS MUST** warn such workers of their intention to hit up to these areas.

During these periods all staff along with their equipment are declared as **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (TIO)** [Model Local Rule F-23](#) when playing a second or subsequent shot. Please do not interfere with such workers or their equipment.

Therefore, **Free LINE OF SITE relief** is permitted from such workers and equipment. (One club length line of site corridor then drop within One club length of that corridor). See [Model Local Rule F-23](#) for full details.

HOLES 15 & 16:

Effective Date: This rule remains in place until 30th January 2026

The new green, collar and green surrounds at the rear of the 15th Temporary Green, beyond the white line, is declared a No Play Zone (NPZ).

If a player's ball comes to rest on or beyond the white line, free relief must be taken.

- If a player's ball lies in/on such NPZ, or
- If the NPZ interferes with a player's stance or swing;

Free relief **MUST** be taken at the nearest available Drop Zone.

Hole 16 will remain out of play until January 30 with hole 2B remaining the substituting hole.

Holes 15 and 16 **are scheduled** to be back in play on Saturday 31st January.

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