

# LOCAL RULES

### OUT OF BOUNDS

The boundary of the course is defined by the use of white posts with black tops. These posts are out of bounds and free relief is not available. See Rule 18.2b.

### OUT OF BOUNDS/LOST BALL (Alternate Rule)

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 Stroke and Distance Local Rule for a penalty of two strokes, rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. This Local Rule is not available if a provisional ball has been played. See Model Local Rule E-5 for full details of the Local Rule.

### NO PLAY ZONE

The penalty area defined by red stakes with green tops on the right of the fairway on hole 15 is a no play zone. When a ball is in the no play zone within the penalty area, the ball must not be played as it lies, and penalty relief must be taken under 17.1d.

### PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES

The young trees identified by white stakes or tree guards 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 stake or guard) and the tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under 16.1f.

### ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (INCLUDING IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS): (RULE 16)

- Ground under repair is defined by any area encircled by a white line
- Areas in bunkers where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand are ground under repair
- Clearly defined wheel ruts caused by vehicles or machinery
- All ornamental gardens and bark covered areas including Lomandra 150m markers
- Machinery Shed area. Compulsory drop in marked zone
- Relief from seams of cut turf (ball only, not stance)

• Edging grooves on or near putting greens. Free relief may be taken by placing the ball, nearest point of relief, not nearly the hole in either the general area or putting surface.

• Drop Zone 18th Green: If a player's ball lies on the newly built cart path behind the 18th green, the player has these relief options: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1 or as an extra option, the player may take free relief by dropping the original ball in the dropping zone located behind the 18th green in between the OOB fence and the concrete cart path. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

- Bare patches on the general area cut to fairway height or less. Does not include relief from divots
- Gardens and path front right of 5th tee. Free relief may be taken in drop zone on fairway side (left) of the garden.

#### CODE OF CONDUCT (RULE 1.2)

A player can be penalised 2 shots or disqualified for a breach of the code of conduct, Rule 1.2b. These breaches are for failure to adhere to course conditions, follow course directional signage, rake bunkers, repair divots, repair pitch-marks on greens, slow play and dress code.

### PACE OF PLAY POLICY

If a group finishes the round more than the starting interval behind the group in front and over 4 hours 30 minutes for a Stroke Rounds or 4 hours 15 minutes for any other competition round from the time of starting, all players in the group are subject to a penalty of one stroke or deduction of one point from the total points scored for the round in a stableford or similar event. Repeat offenders may be subject to further penalties such as booking restrictions. See Rule 5.6b Prompt Pace of Play

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### **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS**

- All sprinkler heads and valve box lids
- All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially surfaced (including worn areas at the end of paths)
- All concrete drains
- All permanent course structures (e.g. protective fences, sheds, sand bins)

CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS: Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play. For a ball in the General Area the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play and is:

- Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
- Within two club-lengths of the ball.
- There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

### **RELIEF FROM TREE ROOTS IN FAIRWAY**

If a player's ball is at rest in a portion of the general area cut to fairway height or less and there is interference from exposed tree roots that are in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair. Interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance.

### **BUNKER FILLED WITH TEMPORARY WATER**

Flooded bunkers marked with a white stake are ground under repair in the general area. It is not treated as a bunker during the round. If the player's ball lies in or touches this ground under repair or the ground under repair interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b. All other bunkers on the course, whether they contain temporary water or not, are still bunkers for all purposes under the Rules.

### TREATING MOVABLE OBJECTS TO BE IMMOVABLE

All stakes (other than boundary stakes) and connecting ropes or chains and metal hoops on the course are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. However metal hoops surrounding the putting green on the player's line of play may be moved but must be replaced after the shot is played.

### METHODS FOR STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY

A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one long siren blast. Resumption of play will be signaled by three short siren blasts. See Rule 5.7b.

### AUTOSCORE SCORE CARD POLICY

If two different scores are recorded for the same hole (e.g. the number '5' autoscore box is selected but a '4' has been written down) the higher score will count. If only a number or an autoscore box is selected, that number or autoscore will be the score to

count.

A BREACH OF THE LOCAL RULES INCURS THE GENERAL PENALTY (TWO STROKES)

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