

# LOCAL RULES

## 1. Out Of Bounds

- I. Beyond any perimeter fencing,
- II. Beyond any white stakes with black tops.

## 2. Penalty Areas

- I. Red Penalty Areas are identified by red stakes and/or red lines. Where no line or stakes exists, the penalty area is defined by its natural margin.
- II. Yellow Penalty Areas are identified by yellow stakes and/or yellow lines. Where no line or stakes exists, the penalty area is defined by its natural margin.

## 3. Abnormal Course Condition - Free relief

Areas on the course where relief may be taken include:

- I. Any area bounded by a continuous or dotted white line.
- II. Marked or unmarked irrigation and construction works.
- III. Clearly defined wheel ruts located in the General Area
- IV. Cracks located in the General Area
- V. Erosion wash outs located in bunkers
- VI. All garden beds defined by mulch and/or enclosed by an obstruction.

## 4. Elevated Power Lines

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line (or a guy wire supporting a pole) during play, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6 for what to do).

## 5. Immovable Obstructions

- I. Stakes defining penalty areas
- II. Power Poles and Guy Wires

## 6. Immovable Obstructions (Sprinklers) Close to Putting Green

Rule 16.1b applies to immovable obstructions close to putting greens. In addition to the types of interference described in Rule 16.1a, interference also exists if an immovable obstruction is: on the player's line of play, and is within two club-lengths of the putting green, and is within two club-lengths of the ball. (Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.)

## 7. Protection of Young (Staked) Trees

- I. Staked trees and staked shrubs are no play zones and are ground under repair (the GUR includes the stake and any wrapping).

## 8. Alternative to Stroke and Distance Penalty

The Model Local Rule for Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds is in effect. For full details, diagrams, and video, go to the following webpage – [www.golf.org.au/LR-oob-lostball](http://www.golf.org.au/LR-oob-lostball)

### GENERAL PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty (stroke play – two strokes, match play – loss of hole)

## Scorecards – Score discrepancy

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

## Scorecard return

A scorecard is deemed to be returned as soon as the player places their card into the score card box.

## Pace of Play

- I. All players in each group are responsible for adhering to an acceptable pace of play.
- II. 4 hours and 20 minutes is the required **maximum** time for a group to complete 18 holes.
- III. Should a group **exceed 4 hours and 30 minutes** for their round without good reason the Match Committee may enforce the Club's Pace of Play Policy including penalties. See the fixture book for full wording.

## Supplementary Local Rules

### **1. Ground Under Repair**

- a) The old path on the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole is GUR.
- b) Bunkers **defined by a stake** are GUR and through the green. Relief is available outside the bunker.
- c) Areas to the right of the 11<sup>th</sup> hole damaged by works to bank.
- d) Worn traffic areas (paths) within 4 clublengths of a blue line.

### **2. Obstructions**

- a. Embedded Stones through the green



Tip - Take a photo of the Local Rules on your phone so you can refer to them during your round