

# R&PPGC Local Rules

## Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

Identified by white posts and defined by extending a line between the nearest inside points at ground level between the white posts OR any boundary path, fence or hedge. A ball is out of bounds when all of it comes to rest:

- 1) beyond the white posts anywhere on the course e.g. right side of the 4<sup>th</sup> hole.
- 2) beyond any boundary fence, hedge or path e.g. the path behind the 17<sup>th</sup> green.
- 3) beyond the fence running between the left side of holes 8 & 9 and the right side of the 17<sup>th</sup> green (internal OOB).
- 4) beyond the fencing around the Farm on hole 2 (no retrieval of a ball is allowed).

(R&PPGC have chosen not to adopt the R&A option of the OOB 'Local Rule' of taking stroke and distance penalty of 2 strokes from the point at which a ball crossed the OOB.)

## 3 Bunkers GUR

3 bunkers, front-left of 7<sup>th</sup> green, back-right of 11<sup>th</sup> green and fairway bunker midway right side of 15<sup>th</sup> hole are designated GUR and if a ball comes to rest in one of these bunker the player should take relief without penalty in accordance with Rule 16-1.

## Red & Yellow Penalty Areas (formerly Water Hazards) (Rule 17.1)

The margins of a Yellow Penalty Area is defined by yellow posts; the margins of a Red Penalty Area by red posts. Relief options are generally as stated in Rule 17-1d.

Red or yellow posts marking penalty areas may be considered movable obstructions or immovable obstructions at the discretion of the player.

## Shared Penalty Areas on Hole 8 & Hole 18

The brook between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes is a shared penalty area so there are dual red/yellow posts in some places.

When playing the 8<sup>th</sup> hole, the brook to the right of the fairway is designated a Red Penalty Area (formerly a lateral water hazard).

Initially, when playing the 18<sup>th</sup> hole from the tee (eastward) side, the brook is designated a Yellow Penalty Area. Later, when playing a ball at rest on the green (westward) side, the brook is designated a Red Penalty Area.

(Unless last crossing the westward penalty area, there is no option for obtaining relief on the westward side.)

## Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1)

For a ball lying in the General Playing Area, the following are all deemed immovable obstructions: staked/tubed trees, the Pillbox on hole 7, roads and artificial footpaths (including wood chippings applied to provide improved walking surfaces), the approaches to & exits from bridges, fences within the boundaries of the course, sprinkler heads, manhole covers, water system covers, distance yardage posts & markers. Relief without penalty may be obtained in accordance with Rule 16-1.

Note 1: All bridges on the course lie in penalty areas. A ball coming to rest on a bridge (as opposed to on the approach/exit) must be played as it lies or alternatively relief must be taken under one penalty stroke according to rule 17.1d.

(Exception: There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play which is clearly unreasonable)

## Distance Measuring Devices

Competitors may use distance measuring devices for play on the course in any of its competitions. However, the use of a device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player's play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc) is not permitted. Penalty for breach of the rule is disqualification.

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## Missing Tee Blocks

During a competition, when both tee blocks are missing then players must play from within a rectangle that is two club-lengths deep, the front edge is in line with the relevant distance marker disc and where the area extends horizontally across the entire width of the tee box.

Where only one tee block is present then players must play from within a rectangle that is two club-lengths deep, the front edge is in line with the single tee block and the area extends horizontally across the entire width of the tee box.

### Notes :

1: **Closely Mown Area** means any area of the course cut to fairway height or less, including paths in the General Playing Area.

2: **General Playing Area** means the whole area of the course except for the teeing ground & the putting green of the hole being played, all bunkers and all Penalty Areas on the course.

## Additional 'WINTER' Rules When Applicable

### Lift, Clean & Place – aka 'Winter Rules'

A ball lying on a CLOSELY MOWN AREA in the General Playing Area (formally 'Through The Green') may be lifted once, without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must place a marker behind the ball as the reference point. The relief area is anywhere within 6 inches of the reference point that is in the General Playing Area but no nearer the hole. In replacing the ball the procedures in 14-2b(2) and 14-2e apply. If the ball when placed initially comes to rest but subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies.

If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, they incur a penalty of one stroke.

### Protective Staked Ropes Around Greens

If a ball strikes any part of a protective staked rope around a green on the hole being played, the player MAY disregard that stroke and play another ball in accordance with Rule 14-6 (Making Next Stroke from Where Previous Stroke Played).

### Temporary Greens

When temporary greens are in play the normal greens should be considered as GUR from which play is prohibited and a ball resting on or touching the green should be lifted and dropped off the green, not nearer the hole, in accordance with Rule 16-1.

The same rule will apply to designated Temporary Greens if the normal greens are in play. Such relief MUST be taken when a ball lies on or touches the "condition" or when the "condition" interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing.

### The Committee