

Baberton Golf Club

Local Rules

OUT OF BOUNDS

- On or beyond a boundary wall or fence, or beyond any line of white posts.
- The woodland and quarry area between the white posts to the left of the 3rd hole, on the west side of the bridge on the 6th hole and on the left of the 13th hole.
- The Clubhouse balcony steps

Rules 18.2a(2) and 18.2b

INTEGRAL OBJECTS

- All walls on the course.
- The fence between the trees and the wall adjacent to the 6th putting green.
- Bunker linings in their intended position

GATES IN BOUNDARY OBJECTS

Any closed gate in a boundary fence or wall is part of the boundary object and so relief is not allowed. But an open gate is not considered part of the boundary object and so may be closed or moved into a different position.

NO PLAY ZONES

- Any abnormal course condition or penalty area marked with a No Play Zone sign.
- The Clubhouse balcony steps

Rules 2.4, 16.1b and 17.1d

TEMPORARY PUTTING GREENS

Temporary putting greens are identified by a broken white line and are wrong putting greens except when being used on the hole being played.

Rule 13.1f

GROUND UNDER REPAIR (GUR)

- Areas encircled by a white line, blue stakes or blue rope.
- The track crossing the 2nd, 15th, and 16th holes.
- A bunker marked by a single blue stake is a No Play Zone that is treated as GUR. Free relief must be taken outside the bunker.

Rule 16.1b

DROPPING ZONES

- A Dropping zone is marked by a green stake.
- The relief area is one club-length from the stake in any direction.
- You do not have to stand in the relief area.
- The stake is a movable obstruction.
- If an abnormal course condition is marked with a Mandatory Dropping Zone sign, you must take free relief in the nearest Dropping Zone.

PATHS AT THE 8TH AND 9TH TEES

You may drop a ball in the nearest Dropping Zone as additional relief from interference by the paths.

Rule 16.1b

MATS USED AS DROPPING ZONES

- Where an artificial mat is used as a Dropping Zone, the mat defines the relief area and you must place your ball on the mat.
- The mat is an immovable obstruction except when being used as a Dropping Zone.

MATS USED AS TEEING AREAS

The tee mat defines the teeing area. You must stand on it and play your ball on it when starting the hole.

Penalty: Loss of hole in match play. Rule 6.1b(2) applies in stroke play.

PROTECTIVE FENCE AT THE 4TH TEE

If the fence intervenes on your line of play, you may drop a ball in the nearer Dropping Zone without penalty unless

- the original ball is further from the hole than the higher Dropping Zone;
- it is unreasonable to make a stroke directly towards the hole;
- it would not be possible to reach the fence with the shot; or
- anything else makes a stroke impossible.

Rule 14.7a

OVERHEAD POWER CABLES

If it is known or virtually certain that your ball hit a power line on the course, the stroke does not count. You must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made. If you do not do so you get the **general penalty**.

PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES

Young trees identified by a stake are no play zones. If your ball is on or touching the tree or the tree interferes with your stance or area of intended swing, you must take relief without penalty.

Rule 16.1b

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION NEAR OR ON PUTTING GREEN

You may take relief if your ball lies off the green and an immovable obstruction is on the line of play, within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball. You do not get relief if you choose a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

Rule 16.1b

AERATION HOLES

You may take relief without penalty if your ball touches an aeration hole, but not for interference only to your stance. If the dropped ball touches another hole, you may take relief again.

Ball in General Area, Rule 16.1b
Ball on putting green, Rule 16.1d

SUSPENSION OF PLAY

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

Immediate suspension for imminent danger

- 1 prolonged note of a horn

If play is suspended for a dangerous situation a player must discontinue play immediately and either make their way to the clubhouse or their vehicle and await further instruction from an official

Non-dangerous suspension

- 3 consecutive notes of a horn

If play is suspended for a non-dangerous situation, a player may discontinue play or complete a hole already started, then must remain in position and await further instruction from an official

Resumption of play

- 2 consecutive notes of a horn

Note: when play is suspended for imminent danger, the practice area will also be immediately closed

TRANSPORTATION

During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorised form of transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Competitions Committee. The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between two holes applies to the next hole. Please refer to the Terms of Competition for the authorisation process.

SEAMS OF CUT TURF

You may take relief without penalty if your ball is touching a seam or the seam interferes with the area of your intended swing but not for interference only to your stance. If there is interference from any seam after dropping the ball, you must drop again. If there is again interference by a seam, you must place your ball where it struck the ground after the second drop.

Rule 16.1b

CERTIFICATION OF SCORES

If a player returns a scorecard without the hole scores being certified either by the player, the marker or both, the player gets two penalty strokes applied to the last hole of the round.

Modification of Rule 3.3b(2)

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE

**General Penalty unless otherwise stated (Match play – loss of hole
Stroke play - 2 strokes)**