

## **LOCAL RULES FOR THE REVISED CARD – 2024**

**Standards of conduct, Rule 1.2.** All players are to be aware of the standards of conduct expected of them under Rule 1.2. Breaches of this conduct will be reported and may result in penalties being applied.

**Pace of Play, Rule 5.6.** A round of golf is meant to be played at a prompt pace. Each player should recognise their pace of play can affect others. So please:

1. Play ready golf, let faster groups through, and play your shot within 40 seconds of reaching your ball.
2. If you think you may have lost your ball play a provisional as you only have 3 minutes to find it.
3. A group is out of position when they are more than the starting interval behind the group in front of them, or the group is more than a hole behind the group in front of them.
4. Failure to respond to a verbal warning from the Course Marshals warning(s) will result in players being reported to the Secretary.

### **Out of Bounds (Rule 18)**

A ball is out of bounds if it lies:

1. Beyond any boundary fence, wall, hedge, or line.
2. Beyond any line of white stakes around the Green keeper's area and to the right and beyond the 18<sup>th</sup> green.
3. Beyond the fence/hedge defining the main car park.

### **Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16)**

The following are designated as Immovable Obstructions:

1. All artificially covered pathways or tracks are immovable obstructions. All other natural shingle pathways and tracks are integral parts of the course.
2. Stone filled drainage ditches LHS short of the 8<sup>th</sup> green and the sumps by the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> greens.
3. All fences and rails in the General Area.
4. 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. (Sprinkler Heads for example.)
5. Coloured line of sight marker posts.

**Penalty Area (Rule 17)** The area between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> holes marked with red stakes is a No Play Zone and relief must be taken under rule 17.1d or 17.2 under penalty of one stroke.

**A DEFIBRILLATOR is in the lobby of Spooners.**

### **Abnormal Course condition (Rule 16) (No Play Zone)**

Ground under repair is marked with continuous white lines, dashed white lines or signage, and players **MUST** take relief.

### **Staked Tree (Rule 16.1f)**

Staked or sleeved trees supported by stakes are No Play Zones, and if a player's ball lies on or touches such a tree, or such a tree interferes with a player's stance or area of intended swing the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f.

### **Tyre Marks/Animal Damage (Rule 16.1b)**

In the General Area, areas of damage are treated as ground under repair from which free relief is allowed.

**No Play Zone**

A player whose ball lands within the No Play Zone marked by blue stakes on the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway should take free relief, within one club's length of the nearest point of complete relief in the General Area, no nearer the hole.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rules:**

Match Play - Loss of hole

Stroke Play - Two strokes

**Players Advisory Notices**

1. Please rake bunkers, replace divots, and repair pitch marks.
2. Do not take trolleys on the tees or between bunkers and greens.
3. Balls hit outside the boundary from the course or practice ground MUST be reported to the office or Pro Shop on completion of play.
4. Safety notices on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> holes MUST be adhered to.

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