



# CORHAMPTON GOLF CLUB – LOCAL RULES



A Local Rule is a modification of a Rule or an additional Rule that the Management Committee (MC) adopts for general play or a particular competition. The MC is responsible for deciding whether to adopt any Model Local Rules and for making sure they are consistent with the R&A guidelines. (Rule 8.1)

## A - Course Boundaries and Out of Bounds (Rule 2.1)

### A-1 Defining Course Boundaries and Boundary Edges

Out of bounds is defined by the course-side edge of boundary fences, hedges, walls or white posts. (Rule 18.1)

Out of bounds white posts are placed on:

1. Full RHS of 11<sup>th</sup> hole, from rear of tee box to rear of green.
2. Part of the RHS of 16<sup>th</sup> hole, from rear of tee box to gate at end of woodland.
3. Part of RHS of 18<sup>th</sup> hole, around the Course Management Compound and beyond the green, and further, beyond the fence/hedge defining the main car park.

## E - Special Relief Procedures

### E-8 Defining No Play Zones (Rule 2.4)

Butterfly Chalk Scrapes, between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> fairways and the far left-hand side of the 15<sup>th</sup> fairway are ecologically sensitive areas defined as No Play Zones (NPZ). They are marked with blue stakes with green tops. Golfers **must not enter** either of these chalk scrape areas, even to collect their ball, to protect the wildlife.

The collections of young, staked/sleeved trees, planted to the left-hand side of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> fairways are also defined as No Play Zones, but golfers are allowed to enter these areas to collect their ball. (Rule 16.1f)

As No Play Zones are treated as areas of abnormal course condition, free relief without penalty must be taken by dropping the ball at the nearest point of complete relief, no closer to the hole (Rule 16.1b).

However, on the 9<sup>th</sup> hole, if it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball comes to rest within the NPZ marked by blue stakes with green tops, the player must take mandatory free relief by dropping another ball in the dropping zone defined by white lines and the initials DZ, located adjacent to the first blue stake with green top. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

The following points apply when dropping a ball in a dropping zone:

- The player does not have to stand in the dropping zone when dropping the ball.
- When a player is using a dropping zone, the relief area is defined by that dropping zone and the ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the dropping zone (see Rule 14.3).
- Where the dropping zone is defined by a line on the ground, the line is inside the dropping zone.

### E-12 Compulsory Use of Tee Mats

Some tee boxes have an artificial tee mat in situ, that defines the teeing area. When starting a hole from an artificial tee mat, the player must stand and play a ball from the mat. (Rule 6.1b)

## F - Abnormal Course Conditions and Integral Objects

### F-1 Defining Abnormal Course Conditions, Integral Objects and Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1)

#### **Abnormal Course Conditions**

- Ground Under Repair (GUR) is defined by any area encircled by either a white line or rope.  
**Relief must be taken in GUR.**
- Drainage lines in the general area defined by a white line.
- Vehicle and tractor marks in the general area.
- Animal damage.
- Staked or sleeved trees.
- No Play Zones.
- Artificial covered pathways.

#### **Integral Objects**

- The black, rubber crumb bunker liners.
- The wooden sleepers forming part of any tee box construction.
- Pathway edging.

#### **Immovable Obstructions**

- Stone filled drainage ditch LHS short of the 8<sup>th</sup> green and sumps by the 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> greens.
- Fixed sprinkler heads and fixed drains covers.
- Protective rail fences – between 5<sup>th</sup> green and 7<sup>th</sup> forward tee box, 6<sup>th</sup> tee and around 10<sup>th</sup> green.
- Steps, ball washers, bins, bells, water fountains, signage and wooden huts.
- Rubber mats.
- Coloured line of sight marker posts.

Under rule 16.1b, a player may take relief 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. (E.g. sprinkler heads)

### F-17 All Roads and Paths Treated as Obstructions (Rule 16.1)

All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially-surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

## K - Pace of Play Policy (Rule 2.11)

A round of golf is meant to be played at a prompt pace. (Rule 5.6) 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. (Rule 2.5)
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 a Club Official will result in players being reported to the Secretary.
5. Time par clocks are positioned on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> tees as a reminder to maintain a prompt pace. (Rule 2.6)

## Penalty for Breach of Local Rule

The penalty for a breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty. (Rule 7.6.1)

Match Play - Loss of hole.

Stroke Play - Two strokes.

## Player Advisory Notices

1. Please rake bunkers, replace divots, and repair pitch marks.
2. Please leave bunker rakes inside the bunker on a flat level area, facing towards the green.
3. Do not take trolleys on the tees, or between the greenside bunkers and greens.
4. Balls hit outside of the course boundary, from the course or practice ground, MUST be reported to the office or Pro Shop on completion of play.
5. Safety notices on the 3rd, 6th and 12th holes MUST be adhered to.
6. All players are to be aware of the standards of conduct expected of them. (Rule 1.2)

**A DEFIBRILLATOR is located outside of the Half Way House “Spooners”.**

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