



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)

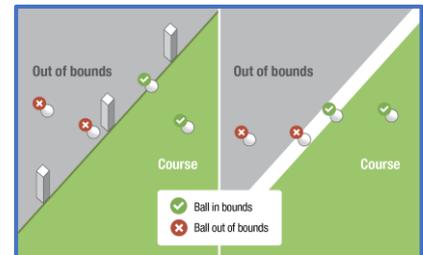
A - Course Boundaries and Out of Bounds (Rule 2.1)

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 boundary markers placed on:

1. Full RHS of 11th hole.
 2. First part of the RHS of 16th hole.
 3. Last part of RHS of 18th hole.
- A ball is out of bounds only when all of it lies outside the course side boundary edge.



White posts are permanent boundary markers and immovable objects, with no free relief. If your ball is in-bounds and a white post interferes with your swing, either play your ball as it lies or take unplayable relief incurring a one-stroke penalty. (Rule 19)

E - Special Relief Procedures

E-8 Defining No Play Zones (Rule 2.4)

Butterfly Chalk Scrapes are areas marked with **blue** stakes with **green** tops. They are located between the 8th and 9th fairways and the far left-hand side of the 15th fairway. These are ecologically sensitive areas, defined as No Play Zones, and are treated as areas of abnormal condition. Golfers **must not enter** either chalk scrape areas, even to collect their ball, to protect the wildlife.

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball comes to rest within a Butterfly Chalk Scrape area marked with **blue** stakes with **green** tops, the player **must** take mandatory full relief without penalty by dropping **another** ball at the nearest point of complete relief, no closer to the hole. (Rule 16.1b)

Young staked/sleeved trees and wildflower plantings are areas marked with **green** stakes. They are located to the left-hand side of the 13th and 14th fairways and the left-hand side of the 15th fairway. These are defined as No Play Zones, and are also treated as areas of abnormal condition. However, golfers **must enter green** staked areas to find their ball, no different to rough areas.

There is no free relief without penalty **unless the ball is found with 3-minutes.**

If the ball is found, full relief without penalty can be taken by dropping the **same** ball at the nearest point of complete relief, no closer to the hole. (Rule 16.1b)

If the ball is not found, you **must take stroke and distance relief**, meaning return to where the previous stroke was made, add **one penalty stroke**, and play again.

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

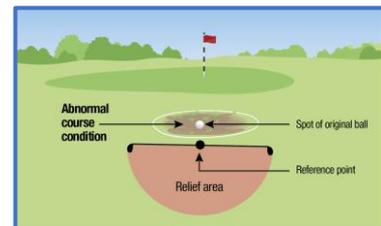
- The black, rubber crumb bunker liners.
- The wooden sleepers forming part of any tee box construction.
- Pathway edging.

Immovable Obstructions

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

Machinery (including robotic mowers) must only be operated by Course Management staff and is therefore deemed to be an outside influence and an immovable obstruction.

- Robotic Mowers:
 - If a ball at rest is lifted or moved by an outside influence (such as a robotic mower), there is no penalty. The ball must be replaced on its original spot, which if unknown, must be estimated, under Rule 9.6.
 - If a ball in motion accidentally hits an outside influence (such as a robotic mower), there is no penalty and the ball must normally be played from where it lies. (Rule 11.1)
 - Where a robotic mower creates an abnormal course condition, such as an immovable obstruction, the player may take relief without penalty. First, identify the point of nearest complete free relief, as the reference point. Then, drop the ball within one club's length of this reference point, no nearer the hole, under Rule 16.1b.



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.

General Penalty for Breach of Local Rule (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 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 upon completion of play.
5. Safety notices on the 3rd and 12th holes and traffic lights on the 6th hole 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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