

**BURNHAM- ON - CROUCH GOLF CLUB**  
**LOCAL RULES 2026**

**1/Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)**

- i. Beyond all boundary hedges, fences, and rabbit fencing at the boundary of the course.
- ii. Beyond the line of white stakes to the right of 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, to the right of the 17<sup>th</sup> hole protecting the practice area and the safety net protecting the 17<sup>th</sup> green.
- iii. Beyond the white stakes behind the 18<sup>th</sup> green, on the practice putting green and the club's car park.

**iv. INTERNAL OUT OF BOUNDS**

When playing the hole highlighted a ball which is on or beyond the stated fairway/green is deemed to be Out of Bounds.

**6<sup>th</sup> Hole** .....on or beyond the 13<sup>th</sup> fairway

**7<sup>th</sup> Hole** .....on or beyond the 12<sup>th</sup> fairway.

**9<sup>th</sup> Hole**..... on or beyond the 10<sup>th</sup> fairway or 10<sup>th</sup> green

**13<sup>th</sup> Hole**..... on or beyond the 14<sup>th</sup> fairway

On the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> holes, where the boundary is defined by a ball being on or beyond a stated fairway, white stakes with black tops have been placed for visibility. These stakes and other internal out of bounds stakes are Immoveable obstructions when playing any hole.

Where any internal out of bounds stakes have been placed side by side the angle of the stakes indicate that the boundary extends indefinitely in that direction.

***Note:*** (1) Objects defining out of bounds are not obstructions and are deemed to be fixed: therefore there is NO RELIEF without penalty from them. See exception re Internal Out of Bounds on the holes shown in (iv) above.

**2/Penalty Areas (Rule 17)**

Penalty Areas are marked by red stakes.

When both stakes and lines are used the stakes identify the penalty area and the line defines the edge. Where such penalty areas are marked just by red stakes they are deemed to indicate the penalty area, not to define the edge. The edge is defined by the break of the ground into the pond/ditch.

**17<sup>th</sup> hole Relief on Opposite Side of Red Penalty area which coincides with the course boundary**

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball has come to rest within the ditch on the right of this hole and the point where it last crossed the edge of the penalty area was on the boundary side, they may **adding one penalty stroke** drop the original or another ball on the course side of the ditch.

The reference point for taking this relief is the point on the course side edge which is the same distance from the hole as where it last crossed the edge on the boundary side. A player must drop the ball within 2 club lengths of this point, not nearer the hole.

**3/Abnormal Course Conditions (Rule 16).**

This includes Immoveable Obstructions and Ground under Repair.

**a/ Roads and pathways**

All cart tracks and paths on the course, even if not artificially surfaced are treated as Immoveable Obstructions from which free relief is available under Rule 16.1

**b/ Drainage Channels or cuts**

Such areas are deemed to be Ground under Repair from which relief may be taken under Rule 16.1. These include drainage works which have reopened, been sanded filled or contain gravel/stones

**c/ Cracks on the Course**

Cracks in the ground in parts of the general area are ground under repair. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. But interference does not exist if the crack only interferes with the player's stance.

**NO PLAY ZONES ...Rule 16.1f**

**d/ Ground under Repair Marked by the Club**

Where the club has marked areas of Ground under Repair these will be defined by white lines and /or signs and/ or hoops. Relief MUST be taken from these areas under Rule 16.1

#### e/ Protection of Young Trees

The young trees identified by stakes and /or wrapping are “No Play Zones”;

-: if a player’s ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a Penalty Area and it lies in or touches such a tree or the tree interferes with the player’s stance or area of intended swing the player MUST take relief under Rule 16.1f.

#### f/ New tree plantations between the 9<sup>th</sup> green /10<sup>th</sup> tee.

This area is deemed to be a NO PLAY ZONE. A player whose ball comes to rest in this area or where the area physically interferes with their area of intended stance or swing they MUST take relief under Rule 16.1f

**Unless otherwise determined by a Rule of Golf- Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty;** Stoke play...2 strokes, Matchplay...Loss of hole

**These local rules should be read in conjunction with any temporary local rules or winter rules which may be applicable.**