

RULES FOR WINTER COMPETITIONS

The Rules of Golf 2019 and our Local Rules apply, with these additional rules:

1. Preferred lies are allowed in the general area cut to fairway height or less. The player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball 15 cm/6 inches, not nearer the hole than the original ball. Remember to mark your ball before lifting it (**see Committee Procedures 8E-3**).
2. When playing the 2nd hole the 1st cut of rough beyond the 2nd/9th fairway is to be treated as fairway.
3. Mats may be used on fairways (and only on fairways) with the same conditions as for preferred lies.
4. To avoid taking a divot on a winter green, a ball lying on a winter green not in use (Wrong Green) (**see Rule 13.1f**) must be lifted and dropped, without penalty, within 1 club-length of the nearest point of complete relief, not nearer the hole. If it is still on a fairway, you may then take a preferred lie.
5. Temporary fences should be treated as follows: if the fence interferes with your area of intended stance or area of intended swing, you may
 - drop the original ball or another ball, without penalty, within 1 club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of complete relief.or
 - take back-on-line relief and drop the original ball or another ball, without penalty, within 1 club-length of a point on a reference line going straight back from the hole through the spot of the original ball.
6. If a ball strikes a fence, the shot may be re-taken (**see Rule 14.6**); the player may drop the original ball or another ball, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than where the previous stroke was made (**see Rule 6.3b**).
7. In the General Area (i.e. anywhere on the course excluding the tee and the green of the hole being played, and all penalty areas and bunkers) a ball embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped within 1 club-length of the reference point, but not nearer the hole. The ball, when dropped, must come to rest in the relief area (**see Rule 16.3b**). Of course if the ball is on a fairway there is no need to drop as a preferred lie is allowed.
8. On the 13th hole, if a ball is believed to have plugged but cannot subsequently be found, it may be replaced by a ball which should be placed (if on the fairway) or dropped (if in the rough) near to where the ball is considered to be plugged, without penalty.
9. On a putting green, a ball coming to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole which avoids the situation (**see Rule 16.1d**).

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE: GENERAL PENALTY

Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes