



SLIEVENAMON GOLF CLUB

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Slievenamon Golf Club Model Local Rules (Rule 8)

The Men's and Ladies Committee have approved the following local rules. Members and guests are required to be familiar and comply with all local rules.

1. Out of Bounds:

- 1.1. All course boundaries are identified by white stakes.
- 1.2. Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes and fence posts.
- 1.3. A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any fence defining the boundary of the course.

2. Immovable Obstructions:

- 2.1. 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. Player can take relief or play as it lies.
- 2.2. All stakes on the course are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.
- 2.3. Staked Trees: If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f.
- 2.4. ESB Poles & Power Lines: Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect for a ball that hits a power line or tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line, stroke must be cancelled and replayed.
- 2.5. ESB poles, sprinkler heads, distance markers, course indicator signs, benches, bins, ball washer stands, nets, bells, wooden steps up to tee boxes and tee markers: Relief can be taken by dropping a ball at nearest point of relief, within one club length of the obstruction, not nearer the hole.
- 2.6. There is no line of play/sight relief from any obstruction.
- 2.7. Bridges: Bridges are part of the hazard, no relief allowed. You may ground your club.
- 2.8. Drains: Players may take relief from all open slit drains, drains under the trees on the 10th, 11th & 13th holes and the drains in the spinney to the left of the 9th green. Drop within one club length not nearer the hole.

3. Relief from Loose Impediments and Movable Obstructions:

- 3.1. Loose Impediments: Example stones (including stones in bunkers), loose grass, leaves, branches and sticks are considered loose impediments. Without penalty, a player may remove these loose impediments.
- 3.1.1. If a ball moves when removing loose impediment, the player gets one penalty stroke under Rule 9.4b. Exceptions: except on the putting green (Rule 13.1d) or in the teeing area (see Rule 6.2b(6) and no penalty for ball moved during search.
- 3.2. Fallen trees/branches broken off or still attached to the stump, fallen branches that are too heavy to be treated as loose impediments, are to be treated as G.U.R. Relief can be taken by dropping the ball within one club length at nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole.
- 3.3. Movable Obstructions: Example Rakes: Without penalty, a player may remove a movable obstruction anywhere on or off the course.
- 3.3.1. If a player's ball moves while removing a movable obstruction: There is no penalty, and the ball must be replaced on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated) (see Rule 14.2).

4. Distance Measuring Devices:

- 4.1. For all play on Slievenamon Golf Course, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., slope, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification.

5. Abnormal Ground Conditions & Wrong Green:

- 5.1. Play is prohibited from wrong greens & their aprons, all areas marked G.U.R (excluding hazard / penalty areas) and abnormal ground conditions caused by machinery & excessive traffic. A player must take relief within one club length at nearest point of relief without penalty.
- 5.2. Play is prohibited from hazard / penalty areas marked G.U.R. A player is NOT entitled to relief without penalty (Rule 25-1 C (iii)). The player must proceed under Rule 26-1 (stroke and distance penalty).

6. Winter Rules:

- 6.1. In Ireland, the Preferred Lies (winter rules) period is from November 1st to April 30th. Clubs can run competitions where scores are acceptable for handicapping purposes during this period when both Model Local Rule (MLR) E-2 and E-3 are in force.
- 6.1.1. MLR E-2 and E-3 can only be used in competitions when the Committee has declared their use.
- 6.2. MLR E-3 Preferred Lies:
- 6.2.1. When a player's ball lies in a general playing area (areas cut to fairway height or less), excluding penalty/hazard areas, the player may prefer the lie within six inches.
- 6.2.2. Players must mark their ball before lifting to prefer their lie (see Rule 14.1).
- 6.2.3. Players must replace their ball within 6 inches of their marker & no nearer to the hole.
- 6.2.4. Failure to mark will result in a one-stroke penalty.
- 6.3. MLR E-2 Cleaning the Ball:
- 6.3.1. When a player's ball lies in the general area, excluding penalty/hazard areas,

the ball may be lifted cleaned and replaced without penalty.

6.3.2. The player must mark their ball before lifting (see Rule 14.1) and the ball must be replaced on its original spot (see Rule 14.2).

6.3.3. Failure to mark will result in a one-stroke penalty.

6.4. Acceptable Scores:

6.4.1. For competitions where scores are acceptable for handicap purposes:

6.4.1.1. Competitions must be run over 9 or 18 Holes.

6.4.1.2. Rounds must be played in accordance with Rule 2.1 of the Rules of Handicapping page 26.

6.4.1.3. Preferred lies are allowable under the guidance above.

6.4.2. Bunkers:

6.4.2.1. At least 50% of all bunkers on the course must be in play for Qualifying status to be maintained for competitions.

6.4.2.2. Bunkers must either be in play or declared Ground Under Repair (G.U.R) by Local Rule.

6.4.2.3. When bunkers are in play, the player is not allowed to lift, clean & rake the bunker prior to replacing the ball and playing a stroke. This is contrary to the Rules of Golf. Winter Rules do not affect the status of bunkers.

6.4.2.4. When a bunker is declared "G.U.R", it loses its status as a bunker and is now "Through the Green". Relief is available outside the bunker under Rule 25-1b(i) if the player wishes to do so.

6.5. Scores for Initial Handicap Allocation:

6.5.1. Scores for Initial Handicap Allocation can be submitted during the Winter period provided they meet the requirements of Rule 2.1 of the Rules of Handicapping (Page 26). Preferred Lies on closely mown areas is allowable.

7. Appendix List:

7.1. Appendix #1 – World Handicap System Definitions

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Appendix #1 – World Handicap System (WHS) Definitions

1. Acceptable Score:

- 1.1. The timesheet/entry form will indicate the format of the competition and the A score from an authorised format of play which meets all the provisions set out within the Rules of Handicapping

2. Active Season:

- 2.1. The period of time when Acceptable Scores from a specified area should be submitted for handicap purposes, as determined by the Authorised Association where the round is played
This is expected to be all year round in GB&I (but with restrictions when Winter Rules are in force).

3. Adjusted Gross Score:

- 3.1. A player's gross score, including any penalty strokes, adjusted for when:
 - 3.1.1. The player exceeds their maximum hole score.
 - 3.1.2. A hole is not played or
 - 3.1.3. A hole is started but the player does not hole out.

4. Authorised Format of Play:

- 4.1. A format of play eligible for handicap purposes, as determined by the Authorised Association where the round is played.

5. Bogey Player:

- 5.1. A player with a Handicap Index of approximately 20.0 for men and approximately 24.0 for women.

6. Cap:

- 6.1. The procedure that reduces, or limits, the amount by which a player's Handicap Index can increase when measured against the player's Low Handicap Index.

7. Course Handicap:

- 7.1. The number of handicap strokes a player receives, before handicap allowances, from a specific set of tees as determined by the Slope Rating.

8. Course Rating:

8.1. An indication of the difficulty of a golf course for the scratch player under normal course and weather conditions.

9. Exceptional Score:

9.1. A Score Differential which is at least 7.0 strokes better than the player's Handicap Index at the time the round was played.

10. General Play:

10.1. When an organised competition is not being contested and the golfers are playing either:

10.1.1. A casual round or

10.1.2. Competitively, but not in an event organized by a Committee.

11. Handicap Allowance:

11.1. The percentage of a Course Handicap recommended to create equity for all players participating in a specific format of play.

12. Handicap Index:

12.1. The measure of a player's demonstrated ability calculated against the Slope Rating of a golf course of standard playing difficulty (Slope Rating 113).

13. Low Handicap Index:

13.1. The lowest Handicap Index achieved by a player during the 365-day period preceding the day on which the most recent score in their scoring record was played.

14. Net Double Bogey:

14.1. A score equal to the par of a hole plus two strokes and adjusted for any handicap strokes applied on that hole. A net double bogey is a player's maximum hole score for handicap purposes.

15. Net Par:

15.1. A score equal to the par of a hole adjusted for any handicap strokes applied on that hole.

16. Penalty Score:

16.1. A score posted at the discretion of the Handicap Committee for a player who does not submit an acceptable score when required.

17. Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC):

17.1. The statistical calculation that determines if conditions on a day of play differed from normal playing conditions to the extent that they significantly impacted players' performance.

18. Playing Handicap:

18.1. The Course Handicap adjusted for any handicap allowances or Terms of the Competition. It represents the actual number of strokes the player gives or receives for the round being played.

19. Slope Rating:

19.1. An indication of the relative difficulty of a golf course for players who are not scratch players compared to players who are scratch players.

20. Stroke Index:

20.1. The value assigned to each hole on a golf course to indicate where handicap strokes are given or received.

21. General Area:

21.1. The general area covers the entire course except for the four specific areas of the course described in Rule 2.2b.

21.2. The Four Specific Areas:

21.2.1. The teeing area the player must use in starting the hole he or she is playing (Rule 6.2).

21.2.2. All penalty areas (Rule 17).

21.2.3. All bunkers (Rule 12), and

21.2.4. The putting green of the hole the player is playing (Rule 13).

21.3. It is called the "general area" because:

21.3.1. It covers most of the course and is where a player's ball will most often be played until the ball reaches the putting green.

21.3.2. It includes every type of ground and growing or attached objects found in that area, such as fairway, rough and trees. Reference Fig.1 below.

Fig. 1 – The General Area & Exceptions.

