

COVID-19 TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES

Following on from R & A and CONGU guidance on returning qualifying scores during COVID-19 restrictions, the Club has put into force the following **Temporary Local Rules**:

Bunkers: Rakes have been removed from the Course; until further notice, preferred lies will be permitted in ALL BUNKERS on the Course (unless marked as GUR).

"When a player's ball lies in a part of the bunker, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.

Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: 6 inches from the reference point, but with these limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area: Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, must be in the bunker, and the area cannot be smoothed before placing.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a."

Flagsticks/Holes: Players are required to leave the flag sticks in the hole at all times and avoid contact with the flag stick when removing your ball. This is compulsory. Balls that "bounce out" of the hole are not considered holed even if the ball was temporarily below the surface of the putting green.

"The club has made the decision to modify the depth of the hole to allow players to remove the ball without touching the flagstick and so scores will be acceptable for either competition or supplementary score purposes. In such cases, the ball is considered holed if any part of the ball is at rest below the surface of the putting green, even if not lodged against the flagstick."

Penalty for breach of rule handling Flagstick: Disqualification

Scorecards: In view of concerns about handling and exchanging scorecards, on a temporary basis, members will be permitted to mark their own scorecard in all competitions. It is recommended that you do still record your 'Markers' score within the area of the scorecard where a player would normally put their own score. This allows both player and marker to confirm each other's gross score for each hole at the end of the round. The scorecard only needs to be handled and signed by the player.

"Players are permitted to mark their own scorecard in all competition play thus allowing methods of scoring that do not strictly comply with Rule 3.3b. It is recommended that you do still record your 'Markers' score within the area of the scorecard where a player would normally put their own score. Only the player will sign the card, however you are to verbally confirm your score (gross score on each hole) with who would normally be the Marker."