

HALE GOLF CLUB – PERMANENT LOCAL RULES
EFFECTIVE FROM 1ST JULY 2024

LR1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2a)

The course boundary and Internal Out of Bounds areas are defined by white painted stakes and/or fence posts. The boundary edge is defined by the line between the course-side points of the stakes/posts at ground level (excluding angled supports), and such stakes or fence posts are themselves out of bounds and **must not** be lifted or moved.

Whilst playing the **9th/18th** hole, a ball coming to rest **on or over** the driveway and/or carpark area is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

LR2. Practice on the Course - Stroke-play events (Rule 5.2b)

Players in **18 hole stroke-play competitions** must not practice on the course before a round on that day. For clarity an 'Alternate Day' is regarded as a different day to the main competition. Entrants in 9 hole competitions may practice on the course before their round.

LR3. Ground Under Repair (Rule 16.1)

GUR is defined by any area marked with a white line or such other areas as the Committee may define from time to time (eg areas of unusual damage to the course as a result of extreme weather). Areas of bare earth are not to be treated as GUR unless defined as such.

LR4. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1)

Within the boundaries of the course, all man made fixtures are deemed immovable obstructions. This includes constructed tracks and paths but **excludes** tractor marks and drainage channels unless the ball is clearly sitting on exposed gravel, stones or concrete.

If a fixed sprinkler head is within two club-lengths of the green edge and on a players line, they may **also** take relief as long as their ball lies on an area cut to fairway height or less and is within two club-lengths of the obstruction. **(Model Local Rule F-5.1)**

LR5. No Play Zones (Rule 16.1f)

Young Trees

Young Trees (staked or marked by white bands) are no play zones. Players **must** take free relief under Rule 16.1b if their ball lies on or touches such trees or their protective barriers or if they interfere with the player's stance or area of intended swing. There is no relief from such trees or their barriers solely because of line of sight interference.

Island on 4th/13th

The island in the middle of the pond is a no play zone. Balls landing there must be deemed lost in the hazard and **must not be retrieved**. Relief with the normal one stroke penalty applicable for such areas must be applied. **(Rule 17.1e)**

LR6. Temporary Greens Rule 13.1f

Any temporary green marked on the course should be treated as a wrong green and relief must be taken if it is not in use. If a frost green is in play that hole's normal green becomes a wrong green and appropriate relief must be taken

LR7. Use of Artificial Teeing Grounds

If an artificial teeing ground is in play on any hole players must play their tee shot with their ball placed on or teed up on that artificial surface. Players must not play their tee shot on normal ground behind the artificial tee even if that area is within two club lengths of the tee markers.

LR8. Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7b)

An immediate suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by one prolonged note of the siren. All play must cease immediately in that circumstance.

***NOTE: Any Temporary/Winter Local Rules will be posted separately on the Notice Board.
Greens Committee - 1st July 2024***