

HALE GOLF CLUB – PERMANENT LOCAL RULES

EFFECTIVE FROM 1ST APRIL 2023

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.

The practice ground to the left of the **1st/10th** fairway is part of the *general area* of the course. It is the only part of the *general area* where practice is allowed before or between rounds in competition play.

LR 2. 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.

NOTE: Tractor marks and drainage channels are no longer automatically classified as GUR, however a ball which is lying in a drainage channel **and** which is clearly sitting on exposed gravel, stones or concrete may be classified as being in GUR, otherwise the ball must be played as it lies.

LR 3. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1)

Within the boundaries of the course, all man made fixtures (including constructed tracks and paths) are deemed immovable obstructions.

LR4. No Play Zones (Rule 16.1f)

Young Trees

Young Trees which are staked or marked by white bands are no play zones.

If a player's ball 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. **In addition**, if any such tree has a protective wire mesh barrier, that barrier and the stakes supporting it are deemed to be part of the no play zone. There is no relief from such trees or their protective screens solely because of line of sight interference.

Island

The island in the middle of the pond on the 4th/13th is a no play zone. Any ball which lands on the island is therefore deemed to be inside the penalty area and relief with the normal one stroke penalty for such areas must be applied. (Rule 17.1e)

LR 4. 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 Local Rules will be posted separately on the Notice Board
Greens Committee - 1st April 2023***