WILPSHIRE GOLF CLUB

LOCAL WINTER RULES 2026–2027

Effective from Monday 16 November 2026

Dear Members,

With the winter playing season commencing on Monday 16 November 2026, please familiarise yourselves with the Club's Local Winter Rules, which will apply until further notice.

These rules and restrictions are intended to protect the course during the winter months and maintain playing conditions. All members and visitors are asked to ensure they understand and comply with the following provisions.

1. Protected Areas – Par 4s and Par 5s

Protected Areas are identified by a staggered blue line.

Where a player's ball comes to rest within a Protected Area, the player must proceed using one of the following options:

- **Option 1:** Move and place the ball outside the Protected Area on the nearest side to where the ball originally lay, not nearer the hole.
- **Option 2:** Place the ball on a suitable fairway mat at the spot where the ball originally lay, not nearer the hole.
- **Option 3: Use of a Putter:** The player may play the ball as it lies within the Protected Area, provided a putter is used.

Important: Players must not play directly from the turf within a Protected Area using any club other than a putter.

Where a ball lies in the General Area outside a Protected Area, it must be played as it lies, unless preferred lies apply in a closely mown area, such as the fringe of a green.

2. Par 3 Holes

There are no Protected Areas on par 3 holes. The ball must be played as it lies, unless preferred lies apply under the Local Rules.

3. Main Greens and Temporary Greens

When a temporary green is in play, the main green is designated as Ground Under Repair (GUR). Play from the main green is prohibited, and relief must be taken.

Temporary or winter greens that are not in use are designated as Ground Under Repair (GUR). Play from these areas is prohibited, and relief must be taken.

4. Bunkers

The rake and place rule applies in bunkers. Please ensure bunkers are raked after use and that the ball is placed in accordance with the applicable Local Rule.

5. Tee Areas

Where a mat is provided in a teeing area, the ball must be played from the mat **AND** the player's stance must be on the mat.

6. Ride-on Buggies

The use of both Club rental and privately owned ride-on buggies will be suspended while the Local Winter Rules remain in force, except where a member or visitor has provided evidence of a disability requiring the use of a ride-on buggy.

Any such exemption will remain subject to a daily assessment of weather and ground conditions to ensure that buggies can be used safely and without causing unnecessary damage to the course.

Members and visitors who require the use of a ride-on buggy due to a disability must contact the Club Manager in advance to confirm the arrangements and obtain authorisation for use on the day.

The Club will endeavour to accommodate those with disability-related requirements wherever reasonably practicable, whilst maintaining its responsibilities for health and safety and the protection of the course.

7. Trolleys and Course Protection

All trolleys, whether motorised or non-motorised, must be fitted with winter wheels while the Local Winter Rules are in force.

Members and visitors who can do so are encouraged to carry their clubs rather than use a trolley.

Members and visitors must also respect all roped-off areas of the course. These areas have been protected for a reason and must not be entered by players, trolleys or buggies. Please observe all course signage and follow any instructions provided by the greenkeeping staff.

Trolleys must not be taken onto teeing areas or greens.

Penalty for Breach of a Local Rule

- Stroke Play: General Penalty – two strokes.
- Match Play: General Penalty – loss of hole.

The winter rules and restrictions are essential to protecting the course and maintaining playing conditions throughout the winter months. Your cooperation in observing these requirements is greatly appreciated.

If you are unsure how any of these rules apply, please check with the Professional's Shop or Club Management before commencing your round.