Local Winter Rules 25-26

With effect from Friday 31st October 2025.

Protected Area on par 4s & par 5s - The area enclosed by a staggered blue line.

No protected area on par 3s – the ball must be played as it lies or preferred if rules allow.

- A ball lying within the 'Protected Area' must be.
 - Moved and placed outside of the 'Protected Area' to the NEAREST side to where the ball lay not nearer the hole.
 or
 - Placed on a suitable fairway mat where the ball lies not nearer the hole.
- A ball lying in the General Area outside of the 'Protected Area' must be played as it lies or preferred if lying in a closely mown area e.g. fringe of green.
- When a temporary green is in play the main green becomes
 'Ground Under Repair' from which play is prohibited, and relief must be taken.
- Temporary or winter greens are 'Ground Under Repair' from which play is prohibited when not in use and relief must be taken.
- Bunkers rake and place in operation.
- If a mat is provided in the teeing area, the ball must be played from the mat.
- All trolleys in use must be fitted with winter wheels.