



## **LOCAL & TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES**

**(read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf)**

<https://www.randa.org/en/rog/2019/pages/the-rules-of-golf>

### **Temp Local Rule:**

**Cored and Scarified fairways** A player is entitled to take score card length preferred lie, when their ball is resting on a cored or scarified fairway.

### **Out of Bounds: (Rule 18.2b applies)**

- Beyond the fence bounding the course.
- Between holes 8 and 9, the irrigation ponds and greens shed, as defined by white stakes with black tops and the brushwood fence,
- Hole 18, the carpark sealed area, as defined by the white stakes with black tops and the limestone wall.
- Hole 1, between the right hand side tree line and driving range defined with white stakes

### **Abnormal Course Conditions (ACC) and No Play Zones (NPZ): (Relief MUST be taken in accordance with rule 16.1b)**

The following areas are defined as No Play Zones. Free relief **MUST** be taken from the nearest Drop Zone.

- Hole 17 the nursery area defined by white stakes.
- Hole 18 the nursery defined by white stakes.

### **Abnormal Course Conditions (ACC) in the General Area Rule: (Relief MAY be taken in accordance with rule 16.1b)**

- **Dog Marks** If a player's ball lies in a print, hole or other mark made by a dog in a bunker or within the general area, the player may take relief, without penalty, by dropping the ball within one-club length from the nearest reference point, no nearer the hole in the relief area. Rule 16.1b. If relief from this abnormal course condition is within a bunker, the relief area must remain in the bunker Rule 16.1c OR for one penalty stroke, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in a relief area outside the bunker that is based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through the spot of the original ball under Rule 16.1c (2)
- **Bird Damage** If a player's ball lies in a hole or other mark made by a bird within the general area, the player may take relief, without penalty, by dropping the ball within one-club length from the nearest reference point, no nearer the hole in the relief area. Rule 16.1b.
- **Ground Under Repair** are areas defined by white lines.
- **Garden Beds** defined by White stakes or lines. All other garden beds are to be treated as integral parts of the golf course; therefore, play the ball as it lies.
- **Staked Trees and Shrubs** interfering with a player's stance or area of intended swing. Relief **MUST** be taken. Please note bamboo sticks are **NOT** considered "stakes".
- **Fixed Sprinkler Heads** interfering with a player's stance or area of intended swing. The player may take relief **IF** the sprinkler is on the line of play **AND** within two club lengths of the putting green **AND** within two club lengths of the ball.
- **Limestone Spalls / Water Diversion** as identified by limestone pieces adjacent to concrete paths are immovable obstructions and relief from interference applies.
- **Roadways** consisting of an artificial surface (bitumen, concrete, aggregated limestone, blue metal) is to be treated as an immovable obstruction and relief from interference applies. Note: sandy roads caused by vehicles are not included in the above definition.
- **Protective Fences** situated adjacent to the red 6<sup>th</sup>, black and blue 14th tee boxes are deemed immovable obstructions and relief from interference applies. Note: the following Line of Sight rule also applies:
- **Line of Sight Relief** while playing the 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> holes - **IF and ONLY IF** the fence is on a player's line-of-sight, free relief **may** be taken within the drop zones as marked. This rule however does **NOT** apply if your ball is further from the hole than the drop zone (in other words, you may not move closer to the hole to use the drop zone in these cases).

### **Embedded Ball: (16.3b)**

Relief is allowed under Rule 16.3b only when a player's ball is embedded in the general area.

- The reference point for taking relief is the spot in the general area right behind where the ball is embedded.
- The relief area is one club-length from the reference point, is not nearer to the hole than the reference point and must be in the general area.
- A ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

### **Penalty for Breach of Local Rules**

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

- Stroke play – two strokes
- Match play – loss of hole.

### **Course Care and Etiquette**

- Divots - **MUST** be repaired by breaking in the sides of the divot with a golf club, then pressing down and scuffing over the area with your shoes. The divot should be repaired to the condition that you would be happy to play a shot from.
- Pitch Marks - **MUST** be repaired by using your fork to push the grass at the edge towards the centre of the pitch mark. Do not use your fork to lift the ground. **ALL** players **MUST** repair at least one pitch mark on every green.