

INDOOROOPILLY GOLF CLUB

LOCAL RULES

(As at 1st January 2020)

Local Rules

– to be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf. Please check the Local Rules board outside the golf shop for any temporary Local Rules prior to play

Out of Bounds

- All areas beyond a line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes with black tops or fixed black and white plates are **out of bounds**, including:
The clubhouse and surrounds, the driving range, bitumen car parks, the entrance road, the area of the maintenance facility, the motorised cart shed, the practice area between holes Red 5 and Red 6 and the area beyond the unfenced boundary to the right of hole Green 6.
- All ground beyond the Club's boundary fences is **out of bounds**.

Obstructions

- Stakes marking **penalty areas, no play zones** and **ground under repair** are **immovable obstructions**. For a ball not in a **penalty area**, free relief may be taken under **Rule 16.1b**.

[Notes:

- *For a ball in a penalty area no free relief is available from a red or white stake.*
- *A stake marking a **no play zone** is part of that zone, see the **no play zones** Local Rule, below.*
- ***Out of bounds** stakes are **boundary objects** and are not **obstructions**. No free relief may be taken from **boundary objects**.]*

- Posts, ropes, or hoops used to direct traffic, course signage, or similar items, are **movable obstructions**. Free relief may be taken under **Rule 15.2a**.

[Note: Such items must be replaced after being moved.]

- Sections of roads or paths on the **course** which are comprised at least partly of bitumen, gravel or crushed rock are **immovable obstructions**. Free relief may be taken under **Rule 16.1b**.

[Notes:

- *As an alternative to taking relief from a road or path under this Rule, loose impediments (including loose pieces of gravel and loose stones) may be removed and the ball may be played as it lies.*
- *Loose pieces of bitumen that are not on roads or paths are not covered by this Rule. Pieces of bitumen are movable obstructions, or, if solidly embedded, immovable obstructions.]*

- Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under **Rule 16.1b** if an obstruction is on the line of play and is:
 - Within two club lengths of the **putting green**; and
 - Within two club lengths of the ball.

Exception – No relief if line of play clearly unreasonable.

There is no relief under this local rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable

Integral objects

- Areas surfaced with wood chip or similar mulch (produced from vegetation) are **integral objects** and are not **obstructions**.
- Areas surfaced by decorative stones (bordering paths or vegetated areas) are **integral objects** and are not **obstructions**.

(Pieces of mulch and loose stones in these areas are **loose impediments**.)

*[Notes: In areas covered with introduced mulch or stones relief is not available under any Rules relating to **obstructions**. However, individual pieces of mulch or stones, provided they are not solidly embedded, are **loose impediments** and may be removed]*

Ground under repair

- Areas marked by white stakes or white lines are **ground under repair**. Free relief may be taken under **Rule 16.1b**.
- If the player's ball is at rest on grass in the **general area** cut to fairway height or less, if there is interference from exposed tree roots, the tree roots are treated as **ground under repair**. The player may take free relief under **Rule 16.1b**. Interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's **stance**.

[Note: The previous Local Rule relating to wheel marks caused by course machinery has been rescinded. A Local Rule of this type is not authorised under the Rules of Golf, except on a temporary basis when warranted by (wet) conditions.]

No play zones

The following are **no play zones**:

- An area marked by stakes with green tops.
- An area of **ground under repair** marked with "no play" signage.
- A young tree identified by a stake.

Relief MUST be taken from interference by a **no play zone** under **Rule 16.1f**.

Exception - When a ball lies in a **no play zone** within a **penalty area**, penalty relief must be taken from interference by the **no play zone** under **Rule 17.1e**.

- If a ball lies in a **penalty area**, but not in a **no play zone**, and interference to the player's stance or area of intended swing exists from the **no play zone**, the player must take relief either with penalty under **Rule 17.1e(1)** or with free relief under **Rule 17.1e(2)**.

[Notes:

- *The area along the river bank on hole Gold 3 and Blue 3 marked by red stakes with green tops is a no play zone within a penalty area. A ball lying in this area may not be played. In addition, entry to this area is not permitted, for safety reasons.]*

Penalty areas - Dropping zones

- Optional blue-marked dropping zones are provided on holes Red 4, Red 9, Gold 4 and Blue 5. If a ball is in a **penalty area** and last crossed the edge of that **penalty area** across a blue line or a line between blue stakes, the player may:
 - Take relief under **Rule 17.1**, for one penalty stroke or;
 - Drop the original ball or another ball in the designated dropping zone for one penalty stroke.

(For **penalty areas** with more than one dropping zone, the zone nearest to where the ball last crossed the edge of that **penalty area** is to be used. The dropping zone is a **relief area** under **Rule 14.3**.)

[Note: When using a dropping zone the ball must be dropped as per Rule 14.3 and must come to rest within the dropping zone.]

LOCAL RULES - BUNKERS

- All bunkers marked by stakes with green tops are ‘No Play Zones’
 - Free relief **MUST** be taken from interference by a no play zone under Rule 16.1f. As the committee has now determined the bunker to be in the ‘General Area’ you then must use Rule 16.1b
- Exposed bunker matting impacting on the player’s ball, swing or stance is to be treated as Interference by a No Play Zone in Abnormal Course Condition in the bunker where free relief must be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1c
- Any washout areas in bunkers are to be treated as interference by an abnormal course condition with free relief available in the bunker under Rule 16.1c

Other matters

All measurements on sprinkler heads and plates are to the centre of the green.

Flag colours on greens: Red - front; White - centre; Yellow - back.

All players are required to carry a sand bucket and repair all divots and pitch marks.