

LOCAL RULES (TEMPORARY)

Bare Patch and Dried Grass in the General Area

On the hole being played and the ball is in the general area cut to fairway height or less, a ball on a bare patch or dried grass may be dropped at the nearest point of relief with no penalty. The player must mark the spot before lifting the ball

This local rule does NOT apply to a divot and the ball is played as it lies.

Bare Patch off the Fairways

Off the fairway, a ball on a bare patch is played as it lies. This includes old course maintenance such as tree removal.

Loose Impediment on the Fairway

On the hole being played and the ball is in the general area cut to fairway height or less, a loose impediment e.g. leaf, twig, stick that impacts the ball may be removed. If the ball moves, no penalty applies but the ball must be replaced, without cleaning, on the original spot. Similar concept to removing a rake in the bunker and the ball moves.

Cape Weed on the Fairway

On the hole being played and the ball is in the general area cut to fairway height or less, if cape weed impacts the ball or stance, the cape weed may be treated as GUR.

Washout areas in bunkers

A ball coming to rest in an area of the bunker that has been affected by water runoff may be lifted (not cleaned) and dropped at the nearest point of relief in the bunker, no nearer the hole. No penalty.

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14th Greenside Bunker - Immovable Obstruction

The steps and railing on the 14th greenside bunker may be treated as an immovable obstruction. If the ball is in the bunker you may move the ball under normal immovable obstruction relief however the ball must remain in the bunker.

Short Course Orange Tees – Abnormal Course Conditions

If there is interference to the lie of the ball, or the player's stance or swing arising from the orange tees the ball may be lifted without penalty, and dropped in accordance with Relief from Abnormal Course Conditions.

Rule E-5 Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds.

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball at the nearest spot on the fairway (within 2 club lengths of the edge of the fairway), no nearer the hole than where the ball crossed the Out of Bounds line. The player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when a provisional ball has been played.

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Immovable Obstructions

a) Course Maintenance Items

On the hole being played, items that protect the course i.e. peg/rope/cart sign/hoops etc are classified as immovable obstructions and must NOT be removed/dropped. A played ball that strikes such item may be replayed with no penalty. Similar concept to clubs that have a local rule if a ball hits overhead power lines. NOTE:. If the immovable obstruction interferes with stance or swing, normal relief from an immovable obstruction also applies. Rule 16.

b) Fixed Sprinkler Heads

Fixed sprinkler heads close to the putting green are immovable obstructions. In addition to the types of interference described in Rule 16.1 a player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if the player's ball lies in the general area and an immovable obstruction is on the player's line of play and is:

- Within two club lengths of the putting green and
- Within two club lengths of the ball

(Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable)

Movable Obstruction – 150m Marker Relief

If for safety reasons to the player or partners, a player deems their ball when played may hit a 150m marker, the 150m marker can be treated as a movable obstruction and removed under rule 15.2a.

→IMPORTANT: The 150m marker MUST be replaced after the ball is played to avoid damage to course mowing equipment if left on the ground