



LOCAL RULES @ 9 May 2019

Aeration Holes

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

(a) **Ball in *General Area***. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.

(b) **Ball on *Putting Green***. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the *putting green*, on the player's line of play.

Protection of Course

Where ropes and stakes are installed to guide traffic they are to be considered as *movable obstructions* and relief may be taken in accordance with Rule 15.2. Such ropes and stakes may be moved if they interfere with a player's *stance* or area of intended swing and must be replaced immediately after the stroke.

Compulsory GUR

If a player's ball comes to rest on any of the newly sanded and seeded areas on the course in the general area, such areas are to be considered as *abnormal course conditions* and treated as *GUR*, from which relief **MUST** be taken. Any such ball must be marked, lifted, without penalty, and may be cleaned. Having lifted the ball, the player must take relief in accordance with Rule 16 whilst ensuring that he or she does not stand in or on the recently sanded and seeded areas.

The former 3rd green is identified as a *No Play Zone* from which relief **MUST** be taken. If a player's ball lies in the area, or if it interferes with the player's *stance* or area of intended swing, relief must be taken under Rule 16.1b.

The newly-seeded area round the pond to the left of the 2nd fairway is identified as a *No Play Zone* from which free relief must be taken. Balls landing in this area are to be abandoned. Relief under penalty from the *penalty area* must be taken under Rule 16.

Paths and Garden beds

Relief under Rule 16 may be taken from bordered paths or paths with an artificial surface and **MUST** be taken from bordered garden beds. All other paths, roads and tracks are an integral part of the course from which there is no relief.

Putting Greens

If a ball lies off the *putting green* but not in a *penalty area* and an immovable obstruction on or within two *club-lengths* of the putting green and within two *club lengths* of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, a player may take relief as follows: the ball must be lifted and *dropped* at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids the intervention and (c) is not in a *penalty area* or on the *putting green*. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

Greenkeepers' repairs and bare patches on all *putting greens* may be treated as ground under repair. If such ground under repair interferes with the *line of play*, relief may be taken under Rule 16 by placing the ball at the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole.

Bird Damage

In the *General Area*, areas of damage caused by birds are to be treated as *GUR* from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1b. Interference does not exist if the damage only interferes with the player's stance.

Machinery/Wheel Tracks/Stump holes and Soil Piles

All damaged ground in the *General Area* resulting from machinery used on the course or in connection with course works, stump holes and soil piled to fill stump holes and repair damaged areas may be treated as *abnormal ground conditions*. (Rule 16 applies).

2nd Hole.

If a tee shot carries the dam, the ball could potentially be OUT OF BOUNDS. In such a case, in order to speed up play, players are requested to play a *provisional ball* from the tee before moving forward. If the first ball is subsequently found to be in play, the *provisional ball* must be abandoned. If, however, the ball is found to be or is virtually certain to be, out of bounds, the player may proceed with the *provisional ball* under penalty of one stroke.

Ball Lost or Out of Bounds on any Hole [Note that play in accordance with this local rule is not an option available during Pennants matches at Magpies Belconnen Golf Course]

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, rather than proceeding under penalty of *stroke and distance*, the player may proceed as follows.

Under *general penalty* (ie two stroke penalty – see definitions), the player may take relief by dropping the original or another ball in this *relief area* (see Rule 14.3):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

- (a). Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have:
 - Come to rest on the course, or
 - Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.
- (b). Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

Size of *Relief Area* Based on Reference Points:

Anywhere between:

- A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two *club-lengths* to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two *club-lengths* to the fairway side of that line).

But with these limits:

Limits on Location of *Relief Area*:

- Must be in the *general area*, and
- Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

But the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a *penalty area*, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of *stroke and distance* (see Rule 18.3).

A player may also use this option to take relief for a *provisional ball* that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

The Match Committee