

LOCAL RULES 2026

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A-1 Defining Boundaries

Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

- Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes and fence posts.
- The boundary on **Hole 18** is defined by the course-side edge of the **white paint linepainted on the cart path**.

B-1 Defining Penalty Areas

Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

- The red penalty area on the Holes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 18 extends to and coincides with the out of bounds edge.

B-3 Provisional Ball for Ball in a Penalty Area

If a player does not know whether his or her ball is in the penalty area on **Hole 10**, the player may play a provisional ball using any of the following relief options: stroke-and-distance, back-on-the-line or, if it is a red penalty area, the lateral relief option (see Rule 17.1d). See Model Local Rule B-3 for full details of the Local Rule.

F-1 Defining Abnormal Course Conditions and Integral Objects

Abnormal Course Conditions (including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)

- **Ground under repair** is defined by any area encircled by a **blue line and/or blue posts or green line**.
- Areas in bunkers where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand are ground under repair. **If relief is taken by the player, the ball MUST be dropped within the bunker!**
- **Fixed Sprinkler Heads & Drainage System Covers** are **immovable obstructions**.
- Over the channel on the fairway on **Hole 5** is the bridge. The bridge is **immovable obstruction**.
- The area within the **red penalty area** defined by **red stakes** on the right of **Hole 12** is a **no play zone** that is treated as a penalty area and relief must be taken from interference by the **no-play-zone** under Rule 17.1e
- On the left side on **Hole 17** is irrigation control station. The station is **immovable obstruction**.

Dropping Zone (on hole 11)

- On the **Hole 11**, the **artificially-surfaced area** in front of Tees, is treated as **immovable obstructions** from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1., with additional option of taking a free relief in the **Dropping Zone** on the left side. The dropping zone is a relief area under [Rule 14.3](#)

Integral Objects

- Wires and other objects closely attached to trees are integral objects.
- All rocks on the course (monoliths) and stone walls are Integral Parts of the Course and hence **free relief is NOT granted**.

F-3 Ground Under Repair Treated as Part of Nearby Obstruction

Where areas of **damaged ground** are **right next to artificially surfaced road or path** they are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

F-4 Extensive Damage Due to Heavy Rain and Traffic

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic have combined with wet conditions to alter the ground surface materially, but only when so declared by an authorized referee or member of the Committee.

F-5 Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens

Immovable obstructions close to putting green: In addition to the types of interference described in Rule 16.1a, when a ball lies in the general area, interference also exists if an immovable obstruction is: on the player's line of play, is within two club-lengths of the putting green, and is within two club-lengths of the ball. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. (Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.)

F-8 Relief from Cracks in Ground

Cracks in the ground in parts of the general area cut to fairway height or less are ground under repair. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

F-17 All Roads and Paths Treated as Obstructions

All roads and paths on the course or identify particular types or locations, **even if not artificially-surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions** from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

J-1 Methods for Stopping and Resuming Play

A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by **one prolonged note**. All other suspensions will be signalled by **three consecutive notes**. In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by **two short notes**. See Rule 5.7b.

K-2 Hole-by-Hole and Shot-by-Shot Pace of Play Policy

Pace of Play Policy (Rule 5.6b(3))

For the full text of any Model Local Rules referenced, please refer to the **Official Guide to the Rules of Golf**. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the General Penalty.

Model Local Rule E-7 Electric boundary fence

If a player's ball lies on the course and **within two club-lengths of the electric boundary fence**, the player may take free relief using the procedure in Rule 16.1, **but** based on this reference point:

- The point that is two club-lengths from the fence and an equal distance from the hole to the spot of the original ball.

Model Local Rule 16.1c Relief for Ball in Bunker

Bunkers marked with blue or white spray (e.g. Hole 8 and Hole 15 FW) are considered a Ground Under Repair, player **may take relief outside the bunker not nearer to the pin, without a stroke penalty**.

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