

LOCAL RULES 2019

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18.2 applies)

A ball lies out of bounds:

- a) Beyond any boundary hedge, fence, ditch or row of white stakes.
- b) On or beyond the approach road
- c) On or beyond the path leading to the 1st Hole of the Essex Course
- d) On the paved area around the club house.

2. PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17 applies)

YELLOW & RED PENALTY AREAS are IDENTIFIED by Yellow stakes or Red stakes

If a player does not know whether his or her ball is in the penalty area on the first and fourth holes of the Essex or the third and ninth hole of the Cambs, 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)

3 WRONG GREEN (Rule 13.1f applies)

Relief must be taken. When taking wrong green relief, the wrong green is defined to include the area of fairway within two club-lengths from the edge of the putting green. This means when taking relief under Rule 13.1f, the nearest point of complete relief must avoid interference from this area in addition to the wrong green.

4. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)

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 a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole on the putting green, relief may be taken under Rule 16.1.

Damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by animal hoofs is ground under repair from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

Interference does not exist if condition only interferes with the player's stance.

5. YOUNG TREES (Rule 16.1f)

If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f.

6. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS (Rule 16.1)

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1.

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 clublengths 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.)

7. PROHIBITING RELIEF FROM ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION WHEN ONLY STANCE INTERFERENCE EXISTS (Rule 16.1)

In the general area, areas of damage caused by any animal are treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1b.

Interference does not exist if damage by crows or animal hoof prints only interferes with the player's stance.

8. ANT HILLS (Rule 15.1 or 16.1)

Large or hard ant hills on the course are, at the player's option, loose impediments that may be removed under Rule 15.1 or ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

9. ALL ROADS AND PATHS TREATED AS OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 16.1)

All roads and paths on the course, except those defined as out of bounds above, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

PENALTY FOR A BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE:

General Penalty.

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