



LOCAL RULES – 2020 Update

Temporary Local Rules 2020 (C-19 Compliance)

Bunkers:

- Players to smooth bunkers using either their foot or a club after playing their stroke.
- A preferred lie can be taken in the bunker, the relief area permitted is 6 inches from original position of ball - the area **may not** be smoothed before placing.

Flagsticks

- Flagsticks to remain in the hole at all times.
- The depth of the hole has been altered to allow players to remove the ball without touching the flagstick
- The ball will be considered holed if any part of the ball comes to rest below the surface of the putting green, even if not lodged against the flagstick.

Scorecards & Score Return

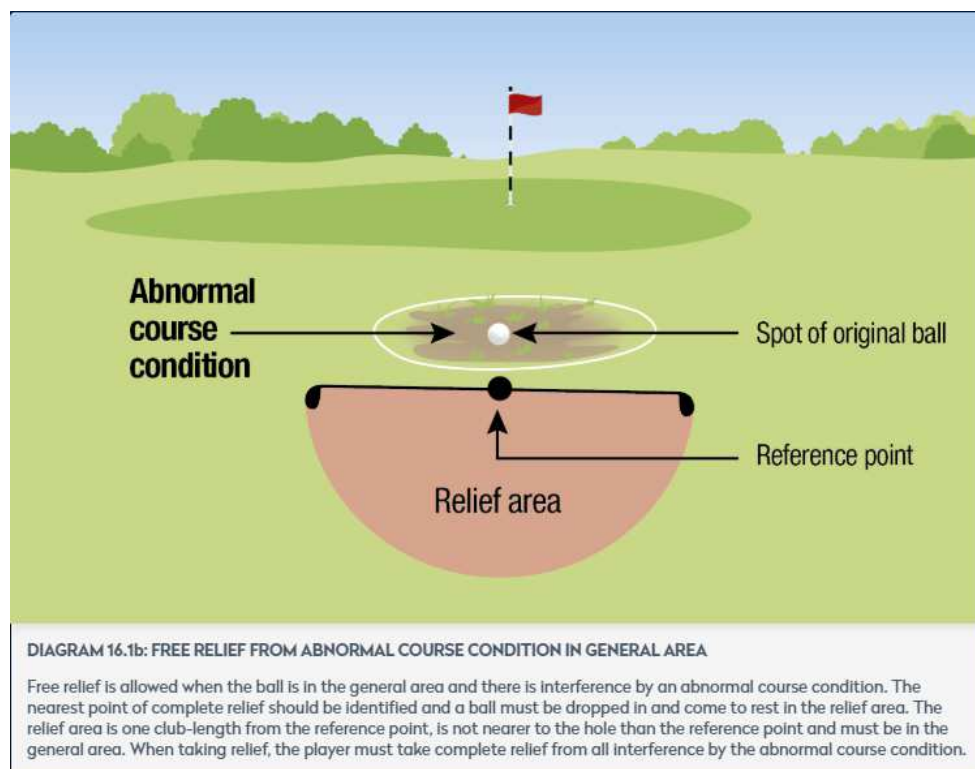
- Players may enter their own hole scores on the scorecard (it is not necessary for a marker to do it)
- It is not necessary to have a marker physically certify the player's hole scores, but some form of verbal certification should take place
- Please record on the scorecard the names of the other players in the group
- Score return will be electronic using Mobile Score Input via How Did I Do app, if this is not possible an image of the scorecard can be submitted by email or text message to the Committee (contact information will be provided)

Abnormal Course Condition – Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16-1)

Areas marked as an Abnormal Course Condition, will be defined by **Blue** stakes or enclosed by **Blue** lines

Plantations of young trees – If a player's ball lies in such an area or it interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16-1

Young trees – If staked trees, yellow banded or trees under one club length in height, interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the ball must be lifted and dropped in accordance with the procedure described in Rule 16-1 (Immovable Obstructions)

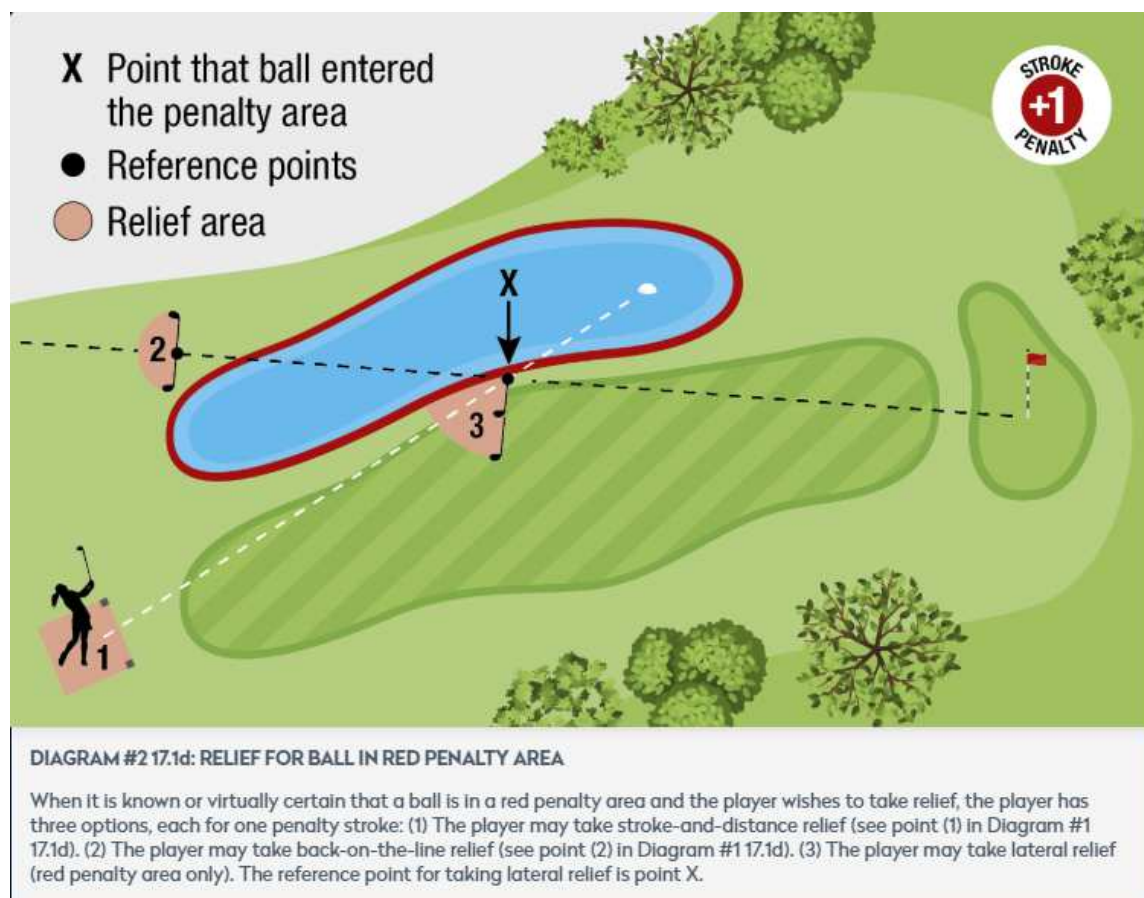


Roads & Paths

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

Penalty Areas

All penalty areas are defined by red stakes, the relief options from a Penalty Area are shown below



Out of Bounds –

All areas outside the boundary edge of the course as defined by the Committee, all areas inside that edge are in bounds

A ball landing over any boundary fence or wall on the separate halves of the course will be deemed as out of bounds

The ground and the burn to the right of the 6th hole is out of bounds

The boundary edge of the course extends both up above the ground and down below the ground

The boundary edge should be defined by either white stakes or white lines

Drainage Tracks

Drainage tracks are to be treated as an abnormal ground condition, allowing a free lift and drop, not nearer the hole, at the nearest spot giving full relief.

Aeration Holes

A ball coming to rest on an aeration hole on the putting green may be placed at the nearest spot, not nearer the hole, which avoids the situation.

Distance Markers

Distance markers and their immediate coloured surrounds on the fairways are to be treated as immovable obstructions, allowing a free lift and drop not nearer the hole when the ball or players stance is affected.

Notes:

The Local rule that allows an Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds, is **NOT** being introduced, so the existing Stroke and Distance rule applies

**Penalty for breach of Local Rule: Match Play – Loss of hole
Stroke Play – 2 strokes**

20 Must Know Rules of Golf for 2019

1. Drop from knee height (NOT shoulder height)
2. Measure the area to drop in with the longest club in your bag (except a putter)
3. Drop in and play from the relief area
4. When dropping back-on-the-line, your ball cannot be played from nearer the hole than your chosen reference point
5. Time to search – 3 minutes (NOT 5 minutes)
6. If you accidentally move your ball when searching for it, replace it without penalty
7. No penalty for a double hit – it only counts as one stroke
8. No penalty if your ball hits you or your equipment accidentally after a stroke
9. No penalty if your ball strikes the flagstick when you have chosen to leave it in the hole
10. Spike mark and other shoe damage on the putting green can be repaired
11. Ball accidentally moved on putting green – no penalty and replace
12. Ball marked, lifted and replaced on putting green is moved by wind to another position – replace ball on the original spot
13. Penalty areas replace water hazards, and you can move loose impediments, ground your club and take practice swings in penalty areas without penalty, just as you can on the fairway or in the rough
14. You can't take relief from a penalty area unless you are at least 95% certain your ball is in the penalty area
15. In bunkers you can move loose impediments
16. In bunkers you cannot touch the sand with your club in the area right in front of or right behind your ball, during your backswing or in taking practice swings
17. Free relief is allowed if your ball is embedded on the fairway or in the rough (but "embedded" means that part of your ball is below the level of the ground)
18. Unplayable ball in bunker – extra option to drop outside the bunker for 2 penalty strokes
19. You cannot have your caddie or your partner standing behind you once you begin taking your stance
20. Pace of Play - it is recommended that you take no longer than 40 seconds to make a stroke (and usually you should be able to play more quickly than that) and Ready Golf in strokeplay is encouraged