

INITIAL REVIEW 1st AUGUST 2017
ROCKHAMPTON GOLF CLUB LOCAL RULES - PERMANENT

1. OUT OF BOUNDS

Per 'Rule of Golf' definition, the golf course is determined by its boundary markings as follows:-

- (a) Determined by outer Golf Course boundary fencing, walls etc.
- (b) Out of Bound stakes (White with Black top stakes etc.)
 - Right hand fairway No. 3 hole. (beside housing estate)
 - Left hand fairway Hole No. 9 from Ann St. gate to the club car park.
 - Beside Botanical Gardens fence, right of Hole No. 18.

Exception

- (c) Lateral Water Hazards - Golf Rule Decision 33-2a/11. Hazard extends to infinity and Lateral Water Hazard Rule 26 takes precedent- No Out of Bounds
 - (i) All right hand fairway Hole No. 16.
 - (ii) All right hand fairway Hole No. 17.
 - (iii) Right hand fairway up to Botanical Gardens fence Hole No. 18.

Note - All Out of Bounds objects themselves are part of the course as fixed objects and **give no relief**.

2. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS.

Relief from interference by the following immovable obstructions '**through the green**' may be obtained under Rule 24-2b. Free relief drop from interference, stance and swing only, nearest point of relief, within one club length, no nearer the hole. (**Line of sight is not applicable**)

- (a) CONCRETE DRAIN (Whole) – Transverses across in front of 10th tee and practice fairway.
- (b) PATHS – Formed (built up with sides, concreted or made of artificial material), path surrounds where base improvements include road base, blue metal or granite etc. e.g. buggy paths
- (c) ALL FIXED SIGNAGE
- (d) ALL STAKES (Except Out of Bound markers – give no relief) . Per Rule 33-8/16
- (e) Temporary fixtures providing course access restrictions – signs, stakes and taping etc

Note - TEE RETAINER WALLS - examples 2nd, 5th, 6th, 8th 10th, tees are part of the course and are fixed objects and no relief is provided.

3. STONES IN BUNKERS – Movable Obstructions - Example per Appendix I – Part B - 5

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions. (Safety) Rule 24-1 applies.

4. PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES. (Immovable Obstruction) Example per Appendix I – Part B – 3

Protection of young trees identified by a white stake. If tree, guard material, stake or mulched surrounds interferes with stance or swing **only**, relief must be taken under Rule 24 – 2b(i) **without penalty**, within one club length of, and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief.

5. DROP ZONES – Appendix 1 – Part B-8

Drop Zones are provided as an additional option under Rule 24 (water/lateral water hazard) and Rule 25 (GUR areas) where no nearer the hole rule option is unachievable

- (a) Right/rear of 8th green for balls entering the lateral water hazard from off the green only.(Nearest drop zone)
- (b) Rear of 17th green for balls entering pond while playing 17th hole. (Nearest drop zone).
- (c) GUR area behind 11th green. (White stake area only)
- (d) Gardens and Path between 10th green and 11th tee. (Nearest drop zone, playing from holes 5, 10 and 16).
- (e) Greenkeeper Nursery – compulsory. Under Appendix 1Part B 2a.

6. ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS (Ground Under Repair (GUR))

Relief from interference by the following abnormal Ground Conditions may be obtained under Rule 25.

- (a) ANT NESTS (Baseball Mounds) Rule 33 - Decision 8/22
- (b) Bare & returned areas on Greens to be played as GUR and relief obtained – stance, position of ball and line of putt.
- (c) Bare patches with exception of divots on all Fairways. (i.e. Lowest mown area of each hole being played only)
- (d) GARDENS – All formed gardens are to be treated as ground under repair as under GUR Rule 25-1(a).
A garden usually has a formed border (rocks, sleepers, concrete) or has been mulched by greens staff. (e.g. Behind left of 11th green, right of 15th green) **Natural leaf areas** between stands of trees is not a garden.
- (e) CLEARLY DEFINED WHEEL RUTS (through the green) formed by vehicles on the course
- (f) WATER DRAIN (Whole) – Left of path bridge in front of 8th Tee.
- (g) WATER DRAIN (Whole) – Left and in front of 9th Tee.

Relief for all of the above (a to e), Rule 25-1b – Free penalty relief drop from interference, stance and swing, nearest point of relief, within one club length, no nearer the hole.

- (h) WATER EROSION IN BUNKERS as GUR

Severe erosion areas in bunkers caused by extreme water run off to be deemed GUR within bunker.

Relief for the above (h), Rule 25-1b(ii) – Section (a) - Free relief drop within bunker.

Section (b) – A one penalty drop outside bunker. Rule 25-1 b(ii)(b).

7. AERATION HOLES – Example per Appendix I – Part B – 4d.

Rule application – Invoked as temporary local rule by match committee when and as required.

Through the Green and on the Putting Green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and placed, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole.

8. ARTIFICIAL DEVICES, UNUSUAL EQUIPMENT AND UNUSUAL USE OF EQUIPMENT.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE - For all play at this course, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designated to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (eg gradient, wind-speed, temperatures etc) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is **disqualification** regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used. (Appendix 1 – Part B – 9)

Note. - Members are to be aware of the use of further temporary Local Rules as posted on the local rules notice board from time to time.