

LOCAL RULES & COURSE ETIQUETTE

OUT OF BOUNDS

Out of bounds is defined by:

1. Any fence on the perimeter of the course, including fences enclosing the racecourse and areas to the left of the 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th and 15th Fairways.
2. White marker posts behind the 8th and 17th greens, 9th tee, to the left of the 2nd, 10th and 15th fairways, and any other line marked by such posts or stakes. Any ball crossing the line marked by such posts to the left of the 10th fairway and coming to rest beyond that line is out of bounds, even if it lies on another part of the course.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

See the Local Rules noticeboard on the Pro-Shop, adjacent to the #1 Tee for relief procedures from fixed sprinkler heads, aeration holes and drainage gratings.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR (GUR)

All GUR, including formal gardens, is identified by white marker paint and/or GUR signs.

CHAIN & PIPE FENCES

Chain and pipe fences are deemed to be immovable and relief is available under the Rules of Golf 24-2.

DISTANCE MARKER BLOCKS

Distance marker blocks are set into each fairway and indicated as follows:

Yellow: _____ 100m to the front of the Green.

White: _____ 135m to the front of the green.

TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES

Any additional Local Rules required from time to time will be posted on the Local Rules Board adjacent to the #1 Tee.

GOLF ETIQUETTE

Golf etiquette covers both courtesy and priority on the course as well as care of the course. Here are some of the important ones:-

- Don't move, talk or stand close to a player making a stroke.
- Don't play until the group in front is out of the way.
- Always play without delay. Leave the putting green as soon as all players in your group have holed out. Don't mark your card until you have cleared the putting green.
- Invite faster groups to play through, especially if you have been delayed looking for a lost ball.
- Replace divots, smooth footprints in bunkers, and repair pitch marks on greens.
- Don't step in the line of another players putt.
- Don't drop clubs on the putting green.
- Replace the flagstick carefully to avoid damaging the hole.

BUNKERS

To minimise the disturbance of sand, always enter and leave the bunker at its lowest point and before leaving a bunker, carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints to allow the next player a fair lie.

REPLACE DIVOTS

Through the green, a player should ensure that any turf cut or displaced by him/her is replaced at once and pressed down.

REPAIR BALL MARKS

A player should ensure that any damage to the putting green made by a ball is carefully repaired. A pitch mark repairer should be used, but failing that a Tee.

DAMAGE TO GREENS AND FLAGSTICKS

Players should ensure that when putting down bags or the flagsticks, no damage is done to the putting green, that neither they nor their caddies damage the hole by standing too close to it holding the flagstick or removing the ball from the hole. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green and players should not lean on the putters on the green,

particularly when removing a ball from the hole. When attending the flagstick, wherever possible hold the flag itself and stand at arms length from the hole. Do not take trundlers or bags on to the putting green.

GENERAL GREENS CARE

Avoid dragging your golf shoes on the green and causing damage from spikes, do not walk on any other players' line and on completion of the hole, repair any spike damage done as a courtesy to those playing behind.

GOLF CARTS

Golf Carts are now an accepted part of the game, but those using them should comply with any local rules regarding use, remain on designated paths, avoid severe braking or turning, park as far away as practically possible from greens, tees and hazards and above all use common sense.

CONSIDERATION FOR OTHER PLAYERS

Do not stand directly behind the player making a stroke. Golf is a sport of great tradition characterised by exemplary behaviour and sense of fair play. No unsporting behaviour should be tolerated, including loss of temper, verbal abuse of officials and players, throwing of clubs and shouting.

SLOW PLAY

Slow play on the course is one of golf's most undesirable aspects. It detracts from the game and leaves a bitter taste, which can ruin a round. Beginners in particular are prone to slow play, which is understandable, however, if the following simple rules are observed by all players, the frustrations of slow play can be eliminated.

1. Walk quickly between shots and be ready to play when it's your turn
2. Always leave your bag/trundler at the side of the green nearest to the next tee.
3. Try to hole out rather than mark short puts unless you will be standing in another player's line

4. Allow two-ball matches priority and be ready to call a group through if you are held up for any reason.
5. Do not address the ball for too long and be ready to play your shot as soon as it is your turn.

Always remember to be courteous to your fellow players, even if they are slower than you.