

Wetherby Golf Club

Local Rules

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (OOB)

- a) Beyond any fence or hedge bounding the course. Where the out of bounds is defined by a hedge, the boundary line is considered to be the inside line of the hedge trunks at ground level.
- b) Beyond any line of white stakes or fence with white painted posts.
- c) During play of the 5th hole the stakes and trench identifying the out of bounds on the left of the 6th hole are deemed to be immovable obstructions.
- d) During play on the 11th hole, on or at the base of the railway embankment beyond the Tee area; to the right of any line/marking on the path to the right of the hole, in or over the drainage ditch beyond the path.
- e) In, on or over all trenches or fences adjacent to the railway embankment (Holes 12, 13 & 14) or the trench on the flood bank when playing the 6th hole (only).
- f) During play of the 12th hole, beyond the tarmac path to the right of the 12th hole.
- g) Black topped, white stakes do not define OOB but only identify the presence of OOB.

Note that for the following Local Rules, the Penalty for Playing a Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of the Local Rule is the General Penalty under Rule 14.7a

2. NO PLAY ZONE (NPZ)

The area defined by the line of red stakes, with green tops, that runs adjacent to the River Wharfe on holes 2, 6, 7 and 8 is a penalty area that is treated as a no play zone. This is in order to protect players from danger as the area is uneven and can be unsafe. Players must not enter the penalty area to search for or retrieve their golf ball.

Players MUST take a mandatory one-shot penalty drop, within 2 club length of the nearest point of full relief from the NPZ only, no nearer to the hole, at the point where the player is virtually certain that the ball crossed the boundary line. Penalty relief MUST be taken.

If a player's ball is outside the NPZ and the NPZ interferes with the player's area of intended stance or area of intended swing, the player MUST take relief, within 1 club length of the nearest point of full relief, no nearer to the hole, under Rule 16.1f.

3. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS

In General Area (GUR)

All areas encircled by white lines, blue stakes or identified by a GUR notice. (Rule 16.1b applies)

Aeration Holes

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

- (a) Ball in **General Area**. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.
- (b) Ball on **Putting Green**. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. Interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.

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Tractor and Heavy Machinery Damage

Anywhere on the course other than in a bunker or in a Penalty Area, damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by tractors or heavy machinery ONLY is ground under repair. (Rule 16.1b Applies)

Roads and Paths

Artificially surfaced roads and paths (including wood chip) are immovable obstructions under Abnormal Course Conditions. (Rule 16.1b applies).

4. DROPPING ZONES

Hole 1

During play of this hole, if the protective fence on the Ebor Way or the Halfway House is on a player's line of play:

- The player may take free relief by dropping a ball in and playing it from the designated dropping zone markings.
- But this relief is allowed only if the ball is in play nearer the hole than where the dropping zone is located (see Rule 14.3).

Hole 14

(a) A ball played from the fairway to the 14th Green where the player has reason to believe the ball may have gone through the green and OOB should drop a ball from where the last shot was played, declare the ball is provisional, and proceed to play another shot. The provisional ball should be used as such until reaching the green and establishing whether the first ball is OOB or can be played. If the ball is OOB, the provisional ball is now the ball in play. If the ball is not OOB but is obstructed by the boundary fence, see (b) below.

(b) A ball which lies near the OOB fence behind the 14th green and is deemed to be unplayable because of interference from the fence, may be dropped, with a one stroke penalty, in the nearest dropping zone. This is within two club lengths of the marked fence post.

The ball must be redropped if

- (i) it does not first strike a part of the course within the Relief Area.
- (ii) it rolls and comes to rest outside the Relief Area.

In this case, if the ball rolls and comes to rest outside the Relief Area, the ball must be dropped again (Rule 14.3c)

5. PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES IDENTIFIED BY STAKES OR SHEATHS

Young trees identified by stakes or sheaths are no play zones. Compulsory relief must be taken under rule 16.1b.

6. BUNKERS & BLUE FLAGS

Flooded bunkers are identified individually by a Blue Flag and are ground under repair in the general area. It is not treated as a bunker during the round.

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If the player's ball lies in or touches the bunker and interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.

All other bunkers on the course, whether they contain temporary water or not, are still bunkers for all purposes under the Rule

7. PRACTICE AREAS

Practice on the day of and prior to a round is permitted under Rule 5.2b.

The following are deemed to be Practice areas.

On the 18th hole

- 1) Called "the old second" the area before the Ebor Way and between the trees to the right of the 18th fairway and the railway embankment
- 2) The chipping/putting green and driving nets to the left of the green

Supplementary Information re Paths and Penalty Areas

Penalty Areas throughout the course are marked out with RED stakes.

Only water crossings with artificial surfaces are in the Penalty Area. Relief, under penalty of one stroke, is available under Rule 17.1b. The ball may be played as it lies without penalty.

All paths with artificial surfaces are deemed to be Immovable Obstructions.
Free relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b.