

Local Rules

These Local Rules are in addition to or may override those on the scorecard and are relevant to both the Lakes and Garden courses unless specified.

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 have been modified as follows: When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

Ground Under Repair – play prohibited.

- a. The garden surrounding the dead oak tree behind the Lakes 18th Green (The stone wall is an obstruction)
- b. Plantation areas – (orange-topped brown posts) – 5th & 8th holes.
- c. Greenkeepers workings, piled for removal – Grass cuttings, cores etc.
- d. Gravel- banded, pea shingle lines in the semi-rough are drainage lines.

Out of Bounds White posts demarcate most of these areas. Where there are no white posts the boundary fence or hedge defines the line. When playing the 12th and 14th holes, relief may be taken from the white stakes on the right hand side, under local rule, as they are not in play on those holes. Nearest point of relief and one club length.

Blue Stakes within Lateral Water Hazards Blue stakes within the lateral water hazards indicate drainage outlets. They are movable obstructions.

Lateral Water Hazards All our lakes and ditches are lateral water hazards whether marked or not. We are now using **marked lines** to define the margins in **some** of our lateral water hazards. The margins of the hazards without lines are defined by the line formed by the nearest outside points of the stakes at ground level. A ball is in the hazard when it lies in or any part of it touches the hazard. **There is a Mandatory Drop Zone at the left front of the second lake on the 11th for any balls entering that hazard at any point.**

Embedded ball through the green Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole.

Aeration Holes and Bird Damage on the Greens On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest on or in an aeration hole, a hole caused by birds or a repaired area may be placed at the nearest spot, not nearer the hole, that avoids the situation.

Temporary Local Rules

Preferred lies and Winter Rules A ball lying on a close mown area (cut to fairway height or less) through the green may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. **Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball he must place it on a spot within six inches of where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.**

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE

Match Play: Loss of Hole

Stroke Play: Two Strokes

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