

Fairlie Golf Club Local Rules

Full Version (Last updated 07/21)

For the full text of any Local Rules referenced, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf. The penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the General Penalty

A - Defining Boundaries

- All penalty areas are RED and are defined by spray lines or red stakes
- Out of Bounds is defined by all perimeter fences. The boundary on #10 is defined by white stakes.

B - Provisional Ball for Ball in Penalty Area

If a player does not know whether his or her ball is in a penalty area, the player may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3, which is modified in this way:

In playing the provisional ball, the player may use the stroke-and-distance relief option (see Rule 17.1d(1)), the back-on-the-line relief option (see Rule 17.1d(2)) or the lateral relief option (see Rule 17.1d(3)).

Once the player has played a provisional ball under this Rule, he or she may not use any further options under Rule 17.1 in relation to the original ball.

In deciding when that provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play or if it must or may be abandoned, Rule 18.3c(2) and 18.3c(3) apply except that:

- When original ball is found in penalty area within three-minute search time.
The player may choose either to:
 - Continue to play the original ball as it lies in the penalty area, in which case the provisional ball must not be played. All strokes with that provisional ball before it was abandoned (including strokes made and any penalty strokes solely from playing that ball) do not count, or
 - Continue to play the provisional ball in which case the original ball must not be played.
- When original ball is not found within three-minute search time or is known or virtually certain to be in the penalty area. The provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play.

C - Prohibiting Play From Fringe of Wrong Green

If the player must take relief under Rule 13.1f because his or her ball came to rest on the wrong putting green, or that putting green interferes with his or her stance or area of intended swing:

- In finding the relief area to be used when taking this relief, the putting green is defined to include the fringe of the putting green.
- This means that the nearest point of relief must avoid interference from this area in addition to the putting green

D- Preferred Lies (placings). Refer to whiteboard for whether this rule is in place.

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less (or entire general area at the committee's discretion), the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of relief area measured from reference point: (refer to board) cm from the reference point, but with these limits:
- Limits on location of relief area:
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
 - Must be in the general area.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 4.2e

E - Protection of Young Trees

The young trees identified by white pegs are no play zones:

- If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f.

F - Defining Abnormal Course Conditions (including Immovable Obstructions)(Rule 16)

Ground under repair is defined by any area encircled by a white line and/or marked with a GUR sign

G - Animal Holes

Rule 16.1 is modified in this way: Interference does not exist if rabbit scratchings only interfere with the player's stance.

H - Animal Hoof Damage

Damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by animal hooves is GUR from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

I - Bunker Filled With Temporary Water

Flooded bunkers are GUR in the general area. They are not treated as a bunker during the round. If the player's ball lies in or touches this GUR or the GUR interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player may take 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 Rules.