

Temporary Local Rules – May 22

Bunkers: With rakes removed, it is recommended that players smooth the *bunkers* with their feet and / or their club. It is recognised that *bunkers* may not be smoothed as effectively as when rakes are used. Accordingly, preferred lies are permitted in *bunkers*. A player may place the ball within 1 *club-length*, no nearer the *hole*. A player may not alter the condition of the sand in preparation for the ball placement.

Flagsticks & Cups: *Flagsticks* are to be left in the *hole* at all times and are not to be removed. Cups; a foam insert has been used to prevent the golf ball from coming to rest at the bottom of the *hole* to ease ball retrieval with minimal contact.

Scorecards: Each player is responsible for their own scorecard. At the completion of the round the player will verbally confirm the scores with the *marker* and upon confirmation the player will initial the space on the *scorecard* which is designed for the *marker's* signature. The computer will not accept the card without signatures and / or initials in both the player's and the *marker's* space. The player should also record the *marker's* score to assist in the post round confirmation of their score. This practice will ensure that only the player is handling his or her own card. Completed *scorecards* must be placed in the *scorecard* returns box outside the Pro Shop.

Optional GUR Relief for Work on Greens Perimeters: If a ball comes to rest in the area around the greens where the turf has been cut for ridge reduction purposes, optional relief is provided.

The turf-cut area is to be treated as *GUR* for the lie of the ball only. Relief is not provided if there is interference to *stance*. The area of *GUR* is defined by the turf cut lines on the inner and outer edges. If a ball is inside or touches these lines, it is in the *GUR*.

The player may take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball under Rule 14.3 outside of the *GUR*. The ball may not be dropped on the green.

5cm Preferred Lies in General Area: Given the presence of mud from burrowing worms present during winter, the following temporary local rule applies until further notice.

A ball lying in a closely mown area, being fairways, green surrounds and tees may be marked, lifted, cleaned and replaced in the general area within 5cm of its original position, no nearer the *hole*, without penalty. The ball may only be lifted and placed once before each stroke.

Interference by tree roots: The definition of *GUR* in our local rules will be updated to include the following:

Ground affected by tree roots on surfaces cut to fairway height or less, or within two club-lengths of surfaces cut to fairway height or less.

Play Prohibited from Newly Planted Areas: The areas where new tube stock has been planted are *GUR* and a *No Play Zone (NPZ)* until further notice. Play from these areas is prohibited. These areas are indicated by white stakes with green tops. The white stakes are *Immovable Obstructions*, they must not be moved.

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