



Kirtlington Golf Club – Local Rules

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18)

- a) Beyond any hedge or fence bounding the course.
- b) Beyond the white stakes left of the 1st, 2nd, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 17th and 18th holes.
- c) Beyond the white stakes to the right of the 13th and 17th holes whilst playing these holes.
- d) The Driving Range, Clubhouse, car park and Paddock behind the 18th green as marked by white stakes.

2 – Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

All penalty areas are defined by yellow or red stakes.

3 - Abnormal Course Conditions (including Immovable Obstructions)

- a) All artificially surfaced roads and paths on the course are to be treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.
- b) All drainage covers, ball washers, bins, life rings, 150 yard distance marker posts and discs as well as the warning triangles and white stakes to the right of the 14th and 15th fairways and bunker steps behind the 17th green are deemed immovable obstructions from which relief is allowed under **Rule 16.1**.
- c) Animal Excrement - Animal dung and droppings may be treated as GUR. Relief is restricted to lie and area of intended swing. Relief does not extend to stance. Relief may be taken in accordance with **Rule 16.2**.
- d) Fixed Sprinkler Heads - Relief from sprinkler heads may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player may also take relief under **Rule 16.1b** if a sprinkler head is on the line of play and is -within two club-lengths of the putting green, and -within two club-lengths of the ball.
Exception – There is no relief if a player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable
- e) Ground Under Repair / Abnormal Course Conditions / Staked Trees including No Play Zones (**Rule 16**).

All areas indicated by GUR Notices and or bounded by white lines or blue stakes are deemed as No Play Zones and the player must take relief under **Rule 16.1f**.

All staked or guyed trees are No Play Zones and if such a tree or shrub interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing the ball **MUST** be lifted and dropped under **Rule 16.1f**.

All tractor ruts and drainage work deemed to be immovable obstructions and relief may be taken under **Rule 16.1b**.

4 – Integral Parts of the Course

The safety fence at the 14th hole and the sleeper wall at the 9th teeing area are deemed to be integral parts of the course. The ball should be played as it lies or declared unplayable under **Rule 19**.

5 – Club Etiquette Rule

Golfers **MUST NOT** enter the neighbouring land to retrieve golf balls.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:

Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes.