

# LYME REGIS GOLF CLUB LOCAL RULES 2019

*Please note that not all the rules may be in operation at any one time*

## **A. Out of Bounds and Course Boundaries**

Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes and fence posts. Additionally, the boundary of the course is defined by being the course-side edge of any wall, fence, hedge, paths or the car park at the front of the clubhouse.

Where a boundary is defined by white stakes (white stakes with black tops have been placed for visibility). These stakes are immovable obstructions.

**Note that the fence protecting the car park to the rear of the clubhouse on hole 10 is outside of the designated course boundary and as such there is no free relief if your ball is in bounds. If the fence interferes with your swing or the intended direction of your swing, relief can only be taken under penalty. See Unplayable Ball - Rule 19.**

## **B. Bunkers**

Players are requested to place rakes inside the bunkers. If the ball comes to rest on or by the rake. See Rule 15.2.

## **C. Putting Greens**

### ***(1) Temporary putting greens***

Temporary putting greens are in play on holes as defined by the course of the day. Any putting green that has been replaced by a temporary putting green is a wrong green and free relief for interference must be taken. See Rule 13.1f.

### ***(2) Wrong green***

A “wrong putting green” is any putting green, including designated temporary greens when not in play, other than that of the hole being played. This term includes the practice putting green and whichever hole is not in play on the 16th.

**Relief MUST be taken** when there is interference by a wrong green, a player must not play the ball as it lies. Instead, the player must take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area. See Rule 14.3.

- Reference Point: The nearest point of complete relief in the same area of the course where the original ball came to rest.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: One club-length, but with these limits.
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
  - Must be in the same area of the course as the reference point,
  - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and there must be complete relief from all interference by the wrong green.

## D. Special or Required Relief Procedures

When the greens have been tined or aeration of the area has taken place:

**(a) Ball in General Area.** The player may take relief. See 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. See Rule 16.1d, **but** 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.

## F. Abnormal Course Conditions and Integral Objects

### *(1) Young Trees*

The young trees identified by stakes, labelled or protected by wrappings 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. See Rule 16.1f.

### *(2) Immovable obstructions close to the putting green*

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction (such as artificial watering points) may be taken. See Rule 16.1. The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play:

- Ball in General Area. The player may take relief. See Rule 16.1b. If an immovable obstruction 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 - No Relief if Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable.** There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

### ***(3) All Roads and Paths Treated as Obstructions***

All artificial man-made paths on the course are immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed. See Rule 16.1.

### ***(4) Wood Chippings***

Areas of the course purposely covered with wood chippings are integral parts of the general area. Wooden artificial edges/borders to areas covered with wood chippings are immovable obstructions and relief may be taken, without penalty. See Rule 16.1a.

### ***(5) Temporary Immovable Obstructions***

A temporary immovable obstruction (TIO) is a structure that is temporarily added to the course, is fixed or not readily movable. This rule will apply to the fenced off areas surrounding the new plantations of gorse.

Relief from this specific TIO will be allowed when there is physical interference or line of sight interference from the TIO.

Interference under this Local Rule means that the player has:

- Physical interference,
- Line of sight interference, or
- Both physical and line of sight interference.

Relief can be taken by either dropping a ball in and playing it from the dropping zone specifically marked as being the hole in play (**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), or via GUR Rule 16.1.

## **G. Procedures for Bad Weather and Suspensions of Play**

These procedures are published under separate cover on the Club Noticeboard and **MUST** be adhered to.

## **H. Penalty for Breach of a Local Rule**

**Stroke play 2 shots, matchplay loss of hole.**

# The Competitions Committee