

# Balbriggan Golf Club – Local Rules

## Out of Bounds:

- a. Beyond the boundaries of the course.
- b. Beyond the area defined by white stakes.
- c. The practice ground
- d. The Car park, the Clubhouse and the Pro Shop area.

## Ground Under Repair

All areas enclosed by Blue Lines or Blue stakes are deemed as GUR and relief MUST be taken.

Wheel ruts and any area damaged by machinery is deemed GUR. Agreement must be sought from partners before a ball can be lifted from such an area.

## Protection of Young Trees:

Protection of young trees identified by a stake. If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or area of his intended swing, the ball must be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b (Immovable Obstruction). If the ball lies in a water hazard, the player must lift and drop the ball in accordance with Rule 24-2b(i), except that the nearest point of relief must be in the water hazard and the ball must be dropped in the water hazard, or the player may proceed under Rule 26. The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this Local Rule.

Exception: A player may not obtain relief under this Local Rule if (a) interference by anything other than such a tree makes the stroke clearly impracticable or (b) interference by such a tree would occur only through the use of a clearly unreasonable stroke or an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing or direction of play.

### PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.

## Relief for Embedded Ball:

Through the green, a ball that is embedded may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

Note: A ball is “embedded” when it is in its own pitch-mark and part of the ball is below the level of the ground. A ball does not necessarily have to touch the soil to be embedded (e.g. grass, loose impediments and the like may intervene between the ball and the soil).

Exceptions:

1. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely-mown.
2. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:**

**Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.”**

**"Through the green" is the whole area of the course except:**

- a. The teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played; and
- b. All hazards on the course.

## **Stones in Bunkers:**

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

## **Immovable Obstructions:**

Staked and or supported trees, ESB poles and protective netting , pathways , course furniture, sprinkler heads, distance markers, hydrant covers sheds and pylons.

## **Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green:** (e.g. Sprinkler Heads)

“Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2.

In addition, if a ball lies through the green and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that

(a) is not nearer the hole,

(b) avoids intervention and

(c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

If the player's ball lies on the putting green and an immovable obstruction within two club-lengths of the putting green intervenes on his line of putt, the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and placed at the nearest point to where the ball lay that

(a) is not nearer the hole,

(b) avoids intervention and

(c) is not in a hazard.

The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

Exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the immovable obstruction makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:**

**Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.”**

## Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green:

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are 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 moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.”

## Water Hazard:

If there is doubt whether a ball is in or is lost in the water hazard separating the 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> holes , or the water hazard to the right of the 17<sup>th</sup> fairway when playing the 17<sup>th</sup> hole, the player may play another ball provisionally under any of the applicable options in Rule 26-1.

If the original ball is found outside the water hazard, the player must continue play with it.

If the original ball is found in the water hazard, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue with the ball played provisionally under Rule 26-1.

If the original ball is not found or identified within the five-minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE: Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.”**

## Distance-Measuring Devices:

For all play at this course a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.”

## Winter Rules:

A ball lying 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 and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it was placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply.

### **Procedure for Bunker play.**

Mark ,Lift and Clean your ball in the bunker . Rake the bunker and place your ball as near as possible to your original mark.

If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it, moves the ball-marker prior to putting the ball back into play or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

**Note: "Through the green" is the whole area of the course except: a. The teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played; and b. All hazards on the course.**

**\*PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:**

**Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.**

**\*If a player incurs the general penalty for a breach of this Local Rule, no additional penalty under the Local Rule is applied."**