

## **Local Rules**

### **Penalty area:**

For holes 4, 8 and 17 – A player, upon hitting a shot into the penalty area, shall be governed by the rules for a red penalty area.

### **Animal Droppings:**

In the event a ball lands in animal droppings, players may lift, clean and place their ball within six inches of its original position, no closer to the hole. The ball must be marked before moving. (approved 2/2/2010)

### **Decorative Rocks: No Penalty - One Club Length:**

If your ball comes to rest in the decorative rocks, placed for functional purposes, and the rock interferes with your stance or swing (rule 24b applies), you may drop your ball within one club length of the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole with no penalty.

### **Grass Clippings: Free Relief – One Club Length:**

If a ball is in a pile of grass clippings that appear to be left by maintenance for removal (brown in colour), there can be one club length free relief, no closer to hole. If your ball comes to rest in daily clippings in the general area, there is no relief, play ball as it lies.

### **Lost Balls and Out of Bound: 2 Strokes Not going back – Take to Edge of Fairway, 2 Club Lengths:**

Stroke and distance relief: For lost balls and out of bound balls, instead of going back to previous position, locate, estimate where the ball went out, find edge of fairway, take 2 club lengths relief with longest club in bag, not the putter, from within the defined relief area, 2 stroke penalty.

### **Major Damage Due to Animal Holes/Equipment: Take Relief – One Club Length:**

If the ball is on the fringe or rough immediately adjacent to the green, and there is major damage to the green such as animal holes and/or equipment damage, you may take free relief, one club length, either side, no closer to hole.

### **Out of Bounds on Hole #10:**

The Bell Road sidewalk, non-street side/golf course side.

### **Ready Golf:**

Adopt pace of play stating that we will:

- a) play ready golf in stroke play when safe to do so.
- b) allow playing out of turn in match play when safe to do so, but not required.
- c) use the 40 second guideline for the next stroke.

### **Trees Downed or Damaged: Free Relief – One Club Length:**

If there are downed trees, damaged trees and branches, there is free relief of one club length, no closer to hole.

### **Bunker Play:**

Before making a stroke at a ball in a bunker, a player must not touch the sand with a club right in front of or behind the ball, in making a practice swing, or in making the back swing for a

stroke – see Rule 12.2b(1). These actions, like the one you describe or touching the sand in front of or behind your ball, are prohibited even if accidental. If a player does touch the sand in one of the ways described above, that player would get the general penalty for doing so (loss of hole in match play or two penalty strokes in stroke play).

If you are in a bunker that has not been maintained by either the course or a previous player, and your ball comes to rest in a divot or footprint, you may mark your ball and smooth the bunker and replace your ball as close as possible to the mark. This is done without penalty. We should fill in our own divots and footprints before we leave the bunker as best we can.

**Divots:**

If your ball lands in a divot hole created by a golf club on the fairway, you may move and place your ball within (6) six inches of the divot hole, not nearer the green. When in doubt, consult with your playing partners on the correct procedure.