



# WINTER / NON-QUALIFYING COURSE RULES

In use only when authorised by the Committee and indicated on the Professional Shop board.

## 1. GENERAL AREA PROTECTION POLICY

- a) When the ball lies in part of the general area cut to fairway height or less and a putter is not being used for the stroke, players must take one of the following options:
  - i. The ball may be lifted, placed on and played from an artificial turf or similar type of mat. The mat must be placed as near as possible to where the ball originally lay. The ball may be cleaned.
  - ii. The ball may be cleaned, then taken to the nearest rough (not the side with the best angle) and placed using Rule 14.2d(2).
- b) When the ball lies in the rough, it may be lifted, cleaned and placed within 6 inches of its original position.
- c) If it's not clear whether the ball is in the rough or in an area cut to fairway height or less, use option 'i' or 'ii' above.
- d) If a ball when placed rolls off the mat, the player must try to place it a second time. If the ball again does not stay on the mat, the mat must be moved to the nearest spot, not nearer the hole, where the ball will come to rest on the mat when placed.
- e) If the player accidentally causes the ball on the mat to move before a stroke is made, there is no penalty and the ball must be placed again on the mat.
- f) If a tee is used to secure the mat into the ground, the ball must not be placed on the tee.
- g) Players must use mats as intended. A ball should not be placed on the edge to create an artificial tee.
- h) All tyre tracks caused by the Greens Staff are Ground Under Repair and relief may be taken under Rule 16.1.

## 2. TEEING AREA PROTECTION POLICY

- a) Members and Guests MUST use an artificial turf or similar mat on all grass teeing areas when using a club that is less than a Driver or 3 Wood.
- b) A ball coming to rest on a grassed teeing area that's not for the hole being played MUST be lifted and placed on a personal mat as described in the Fairway Protection Policy above.
- c) When an artificial Teeing Area is in use, you must use the mat for both teeing up your ball and your stance.

## 3. PUTTING GREEN PROTECTION POLICY

- a) On the Putting Green, if the ball lies in or touches an aeration hole or slit, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. Relief may NOT be taken for an aeration hole or slit that only interferes with the player's stance or line of play.
- b) When not in use, a marked out Temporary Green is a Wrong Green and free relief MUST be taken under Rule 13.1f. See Local Rules.
- c) Attending the Flagstick is not permitted. The Flagstick MUST be 'In' or 'Out' of the hole.
- d) Hole covers on the Putting Green are Immovable Obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1d.
- e) Reminder – The normal Putting Green for a hole that has been replaced by a Temporary Putting Green is a Wrong Green and free relief MUST be taken under Rule 13.1f.

## 4. RULE CLARIFICATION

- a) Embedded balls are now covered by Rule 16.3. If relief is allowed the ball should be dropped within one club length of the reference point under Rule 16.3b. EXCEPTION: A player may not obtain relief under rule 16.3 if the ball is clearly in an unplayable position. Rule 16.1a (3).
- b) Loose Impediments include worm casts frozen in place.

## PENALTY FOR A BREACH OF ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES

Match Play - Loss of hole

Stroke Play - Two penalty strokes

Disciplinary action may also be considered.

## WHEN SUBMITTING SCORES FOR HANDICAP PURPOSES

- a) **Fairway Protection** – Option 1a/ii above, to take your ball to the rough and place, is not permitted.
- b) **General Area** – Option 1b above (Preferred Lies), does not exist for a ball in the rough. Instead, the ball may be lifted, cleaned and replaced in its original position under Rule 14.2. You MUST mark the ball before it is lifted.
- c) **Green Protection** – The Flagstick may be attended.