

Claremont Golf Club – Local Rules

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18)

- a. Ground outside the Club's boundary fences.
- b. When playing the 14th hole the area on the right-hand side of the grey water dam adjacent to the 17th fairway is out of bounds. The ball. **Must** cross to the left side of the BLACK AND WHITE post on the RH side of the dam. If a ball goes onto the 17th fairway before it reaches the end post is deemed out of bounds (no matter where the ball finishes after it crosses the end of the dam)
- c. A ball that enters the Clubhouse area including the roof is deemed out of bounds. As defined by black and white stakes and the posts on and around the Clubhouse.

2. PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17)

- a. The River Derwent and environs are defined as penalty areas defined by red stakes and/or lines.
- b. Should the ball lie in Penalty Areas beyond the 1st or 5th greens where it is not feasible to proceed in conformity with Rule 17 - i.e. the player may elect to drop a ball in a special dropping zone designated by blue markers and/ or lines.

3. PROVISIONAL BALL FOR A BALL THAT IS POTENTIALLY IN A PENALTY AREA ON THE 4TH AND 5TH HOLES only (Model Local Rule B-3)

If a player does not know whether his or her ball is in the penalty area, the player may play a provisional ball using one of the following relief options: stroke-and-distance or back-on-the-line entering the penalty area.

IF Original Ball Is Found in the Penalty Area Within Three-Minute Search Time. The player may choose either to:

- a. Continue to play the original ball as it lies in the penalty area, in which case the provisional ball must not be played. All strokes with that provisional ball before it was abandoned (including strokes made and any penalty strokes solely from playing that ball) do not count, or
- b. Continue to play the provisional ball in which case the original ball must not be played.
- c. When Original Ball Is Not Found Within the Three-Minute Search Time or Is Known or Virtually Certain to Be in the Penalty Area. The provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play.

4. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (Rule 16.1)

Including Immovable Obstructions

- a. Includes only bitumen, wood chip or ash surfaced roads or paths (except in a penalty area). Ball washers, course signs, tee markers, seats, and the screens protecting the 10th and 14th,

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16th and 18th tees. Relief may be taken under 16.1 as it applies to swing and stance only. All other must be played as it lies.

- b. During play of the 17th hole, if your ball LIES in the area of the protective fence or posts on the 14th tee within the area marked by white lines the player must take free relief by dropping a ball in and playing it from the dropping zone at the bottom side of the protective fence identified by DZ.
- c. All fixed sprinkler heads and valve covers are immovable obstructions and relief from interference by them may be obtained under Rule 16.1. In addition, if such an obstruction on or within two club lengths of the putting green of the hole being played intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may obtain relief without penalty as follows:
- d. If the ball lies off the green but not in a penalty area and is within two club lengths of the intervening obstruction, it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay, which (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids such intervention, and (c) is not in a penalty area or on the putting green.
- e. If a player's ball is either on the cut fairway or within 3 club lengths of the edge of the cut fairway and there is interference from exposed tree roots, the tree roots may be treated as ground under repair. The player may take free relief of interference with the lie of the ball and the area of intended swing. "But interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance". **Rule 16.1b.** (Relief is nearest point of relief} In the interests of personal safety, in all other areas where tree roots interfere with play, consider taking a penalty drop for an unplayable.
- f. The areas specially designated defined by white stakes and/or white lines
- g. Through the green, solidly embedded stone which interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing.
- h. The practice putting green and all garden areas.
- i. All open drains as defined by white stakes and/or white lines.
- j. **Players MUST drop from ALL GUR areas.**

5. STAKE MARKINGS.

- Red stakes and/or lines – Penalty Area
- Yellow Stakes – Penalty Area
- Red stakes with Green Tops – No Play Zone
- White stakes and/or lines – Abnormal Course Conditions (old GUR)
- White stakes with black tops and/or black lines – Out of Bounds

Note: All stakes are immovable obstructions

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6. GREY WATER DAMS

This rule applies to the two grey water dams on the course. One is between the 14th and 17th fairways and the other is in front of the 9th tee. These grey water dams as defined by red stakes with green tops is a No Play Zone from which PLAY IS PROHIBITED. The player must take relief under Rule 17.1 (e) of the Rules of Golf. There are three options available – stroke and distance, back on the line relief or lateral penalty relief within 2 club lengths. These are explained in Rule 17.1(d).

7. BREACH OF LOCAL RULES

Stroke Play – 2 strokes

Match Play – Loss of hole

BLUE POSTS ARE 150 METRES TO THE MIDDLE OF THE GREENS