

# LANGDON HILLS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

## LOCAL RULES (Revised JULY 2021)

### 1. OUT OF BOUNDS (RULE 18.2)

- a) Beyond all fences and any line of white stakes defining the boundary of the course.
- b) On or over the road on the left of the 9<sup>th</sup> hole.
- c) The reservoir and driving range area in the centre of the course, as defined by the white stakes on the right of the 6<sup>th</sup> hole and the left of the 15<sup>th</sup> hole and 16<sup>th</sup> hole.
- d) Beyond the white posts on the right side of the 10<sup>th</sup> hole, denoting Internal Out of Bounds.

Please note that when playing the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, the Out of Bounds markers along the right side of the fairway are deemed Immovable Obstructions.

*NOTE: Objects defining Out of Bounds are not obstructions and are deemed to be fixed; consequently, there is NO FREE RELIEF without penalty from them.*

### 2. PENALTY AREAS (RULE 17)

Penalty Areas are indicated by Red stakes.

When both stakes and lines are used, the stakes identify the Penalty Area and the line defines the margin.

Ponds/Ditches – Where such Penalty Areas are marked only by Red stakes, they are deemed to indicate the Penalty Area, not define the margin. The margin is defined by the break of the ground into the pond/ditch.

13<sup>th</sup> hole – As an extra relief option for the Penalty Area situated to the back right of the green only – adding one penalty stroke – a player may drop a ball in the dropping zone situated to the right of the Penalty Area. A sign marks the dropping zone and the relief area is within one club length from the sign. The dropping zone is a relief area under **Rule 14.3**.

14<sup>th</sup> hole – If a ball comes to rest in the Penalty Area in front of the green, a ball may be played – adding one penalty stroke - from the dropping zone (a matted area to the right of the path) under **Rule 14.3**.

15<sup>th</sup> hole – The sleepers supporting the Penalty Area to the front and left side of the green are deemed to be within the Penalty Area and the edge of the Penalty Area is defined by the course-side edge of these sleepers. Therefore, a ball resting against them is in the Penalty Area and the player does not have free relief from them.

However, if the ball is not touching the edge of the sleepers, it is NOT in the Penalty Area and a player may take free relief if they have interference under **Rule 16.1**.

NOTE: (1) A ball is in a Penalty Area when it lies on or touches the ground or anything else (such as a natural or artificial object) inside the edge of the Penalty Area.

(2) Relief without penalty is NOT available from Immovable Obstructions or other Abnormal Course Conditions when the ball lies in a Penalty Area.

### 3. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (RULE 16)

This includes Immovable Obstructions and Ground under Repair.

- a) Pump houses and associated pipe work.
- b) Roads, Pathways, Bridges, etc.  
All pathways, parts of bridges which lie outside the margin of Penalty Areas, internal fences, course markers and course furniture (including inspection chambers) from which free relief is available under **Rule 16.1**.
- c) Sprinkler Heads  
When a ball lies in the General Area, interference also exists if a sprinkler head is: on the player's line of play, is within two club-lengths of the putting green AND is within two club-lengths of the ball.
- d) All Unhealed Drainage Channels  
An unhealed drainage channel is any depression, gully or remnants of drainage work which has not fully grassed over.
- e) Ground under Repair areas are marked by white lines and/or hoops and/or ropes. Free relief may be taken when a ball rests in such an area under **Rule 16.1**.

### 4. WRONG GREENS (RULE 13.1f)

Relief from Wrong Greens (**Rule 13.1f**) also includes the apron/fringe of Wrong Greens. Free relief **MUST** be taken under **Rule 16.1b**.

### 5. NO PLAY ZONES (RULE 16.1)

Relief **MUST** be taken WITHOUT PENALTY from interference by any No Play Zone.

No Play Zones are indicated by:

- a) Areas marked with blue stakes.
- b) Young Trees – If a young tree (defined by a supporting stake and/or less than two driver lengths in height) interferes with a player's stance or area of intended swing.

### 6. TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES

(As posted in the Clubhouse)

These Local Rules should be read in conjunction with any Temporary Local Rules which may be applicable.

**Unless otherwise determined by a Rule of Golf – Breach of a Local Rule is GENERAL PENALTY**

**Stroke Play – 2 strokes**

**Match Play – Loss of hole**

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3. A ball coming to rest in the General Area in a crack or tractor rut may be lifted, cleaned and dropped within a one club length Relief Area from the nearest point (Reference Point) without penalty under **Rule 16.1b**.
  
4. Aeration Holes – If a player’s ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:
  - (a) Ball in General Area – The player may take relief under **Rule 16.1b**. If, once dropped, 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 and must place the ball under **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*.
  
5. Any ornamental rocks in the General Area are deemed to be Immovable Obstructions. Therefore, where such an obstruction interferes with the player’s stance or area of intended swing, free relief may be taken under **Rule 16.1**.

**AREAS IN PLAY**

All cultivated areas around trees (other than young trees as defined in the Local Rules) are in play, whether they have been recently transplanted or not.

The area of eucalyptus trees on the right of the 15<sup>th</sup> hole is in play. The path worn by greenkeeping staff in this area is to be treated as GUR until a decision is made on its future use.

**The following Local Rule applies only when “Winter Rules” (determined by the Competitions Committee) are in force:**

When a player’s ball lies in a part of the General Area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by **placing** the original ball, or another ball, and playing it from a Relief Area:

**Reference Point:** Spot of the original ball

**Size of Relief Area measured from Reference Point:** 6 inches (150mm) from the Reference Point, but within these limits:

- Must not be nearer the hole than the Reference Point
- Must be in the General Area

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing the ball under **Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e**.