



Local Rules 2019

1. Out Of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

A ball is out of bounds when:

- a. It is beyond any hedge, fence railing, stake or wall marking the boundary of the course;
- b. Within the Machinery Compound near 8th green/ 9th tee, marked by white stakes;
- c. It is over the path at the back of the 15th hole, marked by white stakes;
- d. It is beyond the white stakes on the left hand side of the 8th hole; or
- e. It is beyond the white stakes marking the practice area.

2. Movable Obstructions (Rule 15.2)

Rakes, bins, metal protective wire surrounds, distance marker posts and tee markers in the general area are considered movable obstructions and a player can remove them without penalty under Rule 15.2.

3. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1)

- a. Anything artificial, erected, constructed, placed or left within the boundaries of the Course, including wooden sleepers bordering paths;
- b. Parts of bridges outside/beyond a designated penalty area;-or
- c. The stay-wire on left of 9th fairway (connected to ESB pole) when playing the 8th or 9th holes are all to be treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1

4. Sprinkler Heads (Rule 16.1-Immovable Obstructions)

In addition to relief under Rule 16.1, if a ball lies in the general area and an immovable obstruction is on the line of play between the ball and the hole and is:

- a. on or within two club lengths of the putting green and
- b. within two club lengths of the ball

The player may take relief as follows:

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

- a. is not nearer the hole, and
- b. is not in a penalty area or on a putting green.

If a player's ball lies on the putting green and an immovable obstruction is on the line of the putt, and within 2 club lengths of the green, the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and *placed* at the nearest point of complete relief to where the ball lay that (i) is not nearer the hole, and (ii) is not in a hazard. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

Exception - No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

5. Trees

Trees less than one club length in height and all staked trees are no play zones and the player must take relief as follows:

- a. If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree/support wire or such a tree/support wire interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f.
- b. If the ball lies in a penalty area, and interference to the player's stance or area of intended swing exists from such a tree, the player must take relief either with penalty under Rule 17.1e or with free relief under Rule 17.1e(2) in the penalty area.

6. Integral Parts of the Course

All boundary walls, fences and railings.

7. Wrong Green (Rule 13.1f)

A ball lying on a green other than the hole being played *must* be lifted and dropped in accordance with Rule 13.1f

8. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

Penalty Areas are defined by yellow stakes or lines. When both stakes and lines are used to define penalty areas, the stakes define the hazard and the lines define the margin of the hazard.

Lateral relief may be obtained from red penalty areas which are defined by red stakes and/or lines (Rule 17).

9. G.U.R. (Rule 16.1)

All areas marked by white lines. Play is *prohibited* from G.U.R. Relief may also be obtained from all tractor marks, drainage trenches and damaged ground (caused by machinery).

10. Distance Measuring Devices (Rule 4.3)

For *all* play at Greystones Golf Club, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient/elevation changes, windspeed at the course, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3, for which the penalty is:-

Penalty for first breach from single act or related acts: General Penalty.

Penalty for second breach unrelated to first breach: Disqualification. This penalty applies even if the nature of the breach was entirely different than the breach resulting in the first penalty.

11. Rear of 15th Green

If a ball is lying on the path to the rear of the 15th green and is between the marked blue lines, the player may either:

- a. play the ball as it lies, or
- b. take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone nearest to the ball, designated by blue stakes and marked with blue lines. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3

Note: When using a dropping zone the following provisions apply regarding the dropping and re-dropping of the ball:

- The ball must be dropped in the dropping zone and must first strike a part of the course within the dropping zone. The player may stand either inside or outside the dropping zone when dropping the ball
- The dropped ball must not touch any part of your body or equipment before it hits the ground
- The player has only completed taking relief when the ball dropped in the right way comes to rest in the dropping zone
- The blue lines marking the dropping zone are within the dropping zone
- If the dropped ball comes to rest outside the dropping zone, the player must drop the ball a second time; if that ball comes to rest outside the dropping zone the player must place the ball where the ball dropped the second time first touched the ground
- If the placed ball will not come to rest on that spot after two attempts, the player must then place the ball on the nearest spot (not nearer the hole) where it will come to rest.

12. Playing 8th or 9th hole.

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line (or tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line) during the play of the 8th or 9th hole, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (see [Rule 14.6](#) for what to do).

13. Left-hand Side of the 6th Hole

The area defined by white stakes with a green top on the left hand side of the 6th hole is a No Play Zone that is to be treated as an abnormal course condition.

All entry is STRICTLY prohibited and golf balls must not be retrieved or played as they lie.

If it is known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in or on this area then free relief must be taken by dropping another ball in the dropping zone nearest to the ball, designated by blue stakes and marked with blue lines. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.