

a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5.

Exception: A stroke that results in a ball striking an elevated junction section of cable rising from the ground or the supporting poles or pylons must not be replayed.

6. Trees which are staked or otherwise identified or protected (e.g. by wrapping). If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the ball must be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b (Immovable Obstruction).

7. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2. In addition, if a ball lies through the green and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

If the player's ball lies on the putting green and an immovable obstruction within two club-lengths of the putting green intervenes on his line of putt, the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and placed at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard.

The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

8. Accidental Movement of Ball on Putting Green. When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

9. Stones (not shells) in Bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

10. Wrong Greens (Rule 25-3). Practice putting and/or pitching greens on the course must be treated as wrong greens.

11. Bunker Faces

a) A bunker face which consists of stacked turf is not part of the bunker and is not deemed to be a "closely mown area" (Rule 25-2 : Embedded ball).

b) A grass covered bunker face, not consisting of stacked turf, is likewise not part of the bunker.

12. Distance-Measuring Devices (Rule 14-3, Appendix I-A-7, page 153 and Appendix IV, page 181)

The use of Distance Measuring Devices is allowed in all Hampshire Golf Championships. Restrictions on the type and usage of devices are covered in the references.

13. Winter Rules (Appendix I-A-3, pages 142-145). The following Winter Rules will only be in effect when notified on the day of the competition:

a) Preferred Lies: A ball lying on a closely- mown area, cut to fairway height or less, may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within six inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

b) Aeration Holes: Relief without penalty is available for the lie of the ball but not for stance. Through the green the ball must be dropped, on the green placed – at the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole.

c) Embedded Ball: Through the green a ball that is embedded may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

Exceptions:

A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown.

A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE, unless otherwise specified above or the breach is covered by a Rule of Golf: Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes

B. CONDITIONS

1. Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7)

a) Time Allowed for Round

Each hole is given a maximum completion time, primarily based upon its length and difficulty. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play.

b) "Out of Position"

The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to be "out of position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered "out of position" if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

c) Procedure when Group is "Out of Position"

i. A Group "Out of Position" and more than their cumulative round time shall be asked by the referee to get back into position within a specified time. Failure to do so may lead to players being individually timed.

ii. A Group "Out of Position" but within their cumulative round time shall either:

a) If their pace of play is not affecting following groups no action shall be taken.

b) If following groups are being 'held up' the group shall be asked to improve their pace of play.

iii. If a decision is taken to time a group, each player in the group will be informed the group is out of position. At the referee's discretion, each or any player will be subject to individual timings.

d) Time Allowed for a Stroke

i. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

- on a par three hole;
- an approach shot; and
- a chip or putt

ii. The time will start when the player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.

iii. The time allowed includes any yardage assessment, any walking forwards or backwards and any pre-shot routine, including practice swings.

iv. On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair pitch marks and move loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and / or behind the ball is included in the time allowed for the stroke.

e) **Timing Ceases**

Timing ceases when a group is back in position. Players will be advised accordingly.

f) **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION**

(Note 2 to Rule 6-7 and Note 4 to Rule 32-1b)

Stroke Play

1 Bad Time One stroke penalty
Stableford: 1 point from total
2 Bad Times Further two strokes penalty
Stableford: 2 further points from total
3 Bad Times Disqualification
Stableford: Disqualification

Match Play

Loss of hole
Loss of hole
Disqualification

g) **Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round**

If a group is subsequently out of position during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Previous bad times and penalties applied in the round will be carried forward until the round is completed.

h) **Random Timings Without Warning When Group Not Out of Position**

In addition to the above a player without notice may be individually timed (whether "In Position" or not). If their time exceeds 60 seconds the player will incur a warning. Any future bad times will result in penalties being imposed as highlighted in clause f above.

2. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b)

a) The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf (page 158) is in effect. i.e. when the klaxon sounds, play must be discontinued immediately.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

Note: i. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by one prolonged note of klaxons.

ii. Other suspensions will be signalled by three consecutive notes of klaxons.

b) Resumption of Play (Rule 6-8b) will be signalled by two short notes of klaxons. Players must then (but not before then) resume play.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE: Disqualification.

Note: i. Players will be informed by Hampshire Golf Officials when play will resume.

ii. Players will be given sufficient time to reach the place where they were on the course before play was suspended.

3. Hampshire Golf Championships' Policies, Procedures, Codes, etc.

All Hampshire Golf policies apply, as appropriate and include but are not limited to:

- General Conditions and Rules
- Safeguarding Policy
- Equality Policy
- Use of Golf Buggies (Transportation Policy)
- Anti-Doping Regulations
- Disciplinary Policy
- Gender Policy

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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2017 HARD CARD

THE FOLLOWING LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS TOGETHER WITH ANY ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS PUBLISHED BY HAMPSHIRE GOLF AT THE GOLF COURSE, APPLY TO ALL HAMPSHIRE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS AND MUST BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION TO BE FOUND ON THE HAMPSHIRE GOLF WEBSITE.

A. LOCAL RULES

These Local Rules replace any Local Rules published by a host club (e.g. on a club's score card).

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27-1)

a) Beyond any wall, fence, hedge or line of white stakes defining the boundary of the course.

b) On or beyond any white line defining the boundary of the course.

(A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or beyond such a line).

Notes: i. Where out of bounds is defined by a fence or line of white stakes, the line joining the nearest inside points at ground level of such stakes or any inside fence posts (excluding angled supports) defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies beyond such a line.

ii. Objects defining out of bounds are not obstructions; therefore relief without penalty from them is not available.

2. Water Hazards, including Lateral Water Hazards (Rule 26)

Water hazards are marked by yellow stakes or yellow lines.

Lateral water hazards are marked by red stakes or red lines.

When both stakes and lines are used, the stakes identify the hazard and the lines define the hazard margin.

Note: i. A ball is in a water hazard when it lies in or any part of it touches the water hazard, including any stake or line that indicates or defines the hazard.

ii. The part of a bridge that crosses a water hazard is in the hazard.

iii. Stakes marking the margin of a water hazard are obstructions.

iv. Relief without penalty is not available from immovable obstructions or abnormal ground conditions when the ball is in a water hazard.

v. Retaining artificial walls and pilings surrounding/bordering water hazards are immovable obstructions.

3. Ground Under Repair (Rule 25-1)

a) Any area encircled by a white or blue line.

b) Any area of damaged ground that is considered by a referee to be abnormal.

4. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2) include:

a) All artificially surfaced roads and paths on the course, including those covered with wood chips. All other paths and tracks are integral parts of the course.

b) White lined areas adjoining any immovable obstruction are part of the obstruction and not ground under repair.

c) Stone-filled drainage ditches or channels.

d) Sleepers or wooden boards within bunkers.

5. Permanent Elevated Cables (Appx 1-5c).

If a ball strikes an elevated power line or cable, the stroke is cancelled and the player must play