

Etiquette; Speed of play.

Ideal pace is a very personal matter and will depend on the nature of the competition being played. To optimise your own enjoyment of the game and to show consideration for fellow golfers, please be aware of those in front and behind you. Always keep up with the game in front rather than in front of the game behind.

We do not want to rush you but please remember these tips to promote smooth progress:

- When arriving at a green leave your bag / trolley *en-route* to the next tee.
- When you have putted out go on flag duty.
- Mark the score card while your partners tee off at the next hole.
- Play your shot before helping to find your partner's ball.

Local Rules (In addition to those on the scorecard)

Water Hazards are defined by yellow stakes (Rule 26 applies)

Lateral Water Hazards are defined by red stakes (Rule 26 applies)

NB If the defining stakes continue to left and right of a bridge over a hazard, the bridge is IN the hazard.

In order to avoid undue delay a provisional ball *may* be played for a ball that may be in a water hazard, of such character that if the original ball is not found, there is reasonable evidence that it is lost in the water hazard, and it would be impracticable to determine whether the ball is in the hazard

Unmarked, temporary drainage ditches on the 2nd, 5th, 9th & 13th holes must be considered as GUR: Free relief may be taken, if an un-staked ditch interferes with swing or stance, within one club length from the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole.

Gravel banding: A ball coming to rest on a drainage line may be lifted and dropped within one club length of nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole

****Bunkers:***

Stones in bunkers are Movable Obstructions (Rule 24)

A ball lying in casual water in a bunker may be dropped in the bunker as in any other casual water situation (Rule 25-1), but if it is necessary to drop outside the bunker to take relief from water a penalty stroke is incurred. If it is not possible to take *complete* relief within the bunker it is permissible to drop the ball as near as possible to the point where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole. (eg the ball could be dropped on sand but the player's feet may be in the water or the ball might be played from the shallowest area of water).

A ball coming to rest in channelling caused by water may be dropped within one club length of the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole and within the bunker.

A ball lying in a deer hoof print may be dropped in the bunker within one club length of the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole.

Rakes should be placed in the bunkers except in professional / pro-am competition, when they should be left outside the bunker and out of the line of play. .

GUR:If a ball comes to rest in an area designated *GUR*, relief **MUST** be taken within one club length from the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole. (This is NOT optional)

(NB All staked trees, their supports and wells are *GUR*: Relief **MUST** be taken).

Overhead Cables: If a ball strikes an overhead cable or its support, the stroke must be disregarded and another ball played from a spot as near as possible to that from which the shot was played. (Rule 20.5)

Immovable Obstructions: (Rule 24) All artificially surfaced paths and their borders, wooden steps, bridges and perimeter fences surrounding tee areas are immovable obstructions. Relief may be taken if there is interference with swing or stance.

14th Hole:

A ball coming to rest in the blue-staked area (*GUR*) must be played from the dropping zone (bottom teeing area) without penalty.

A ball coming to rest in the lateral water hazard adjacent to the blue-staked area must be played from the DZ and incurs a one shot penalty.

A plugged ball: A plugged ball, through the green, may be lifted, cleaned and dropped as close to the plugged position as possible, not nearer the hole.

* There is no provision in the rules of golf for taking bunkers out of play because of casual water. A bunker may only be *GUR* if it is being maintained by greens staff.

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Play Well and Enjoy Your Game!