



Rowany Golf Club Local Rules



1. OUT OF BOUNDS AND COURSE BOUNDARIES

A ball is out of bounds if:

- a) It is over any boundary fence or wall or lies over the boundary of the course-side edge with a public highway.
- b) It is within the internal out of bounds area delineated by the white stakes between the 5th and 6th fairways, and the 6th and 7th fairways, when playing holes 5 and 7. The white stakes defining the internal out of bounds are deemed to be *Immovable Obstructions* when playing any hole other than holes 5 and 7, and relief may be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1.
- c) It is in or over the ditches which run to the right of the 10th, 11th and 15th holes, and behind the 11th green. These ditches are deemed to be the boundary of the course on these holes. A ball is out of bounds if it lands in or over these ditches. A ball is in the ditch if it has crossed the inner edge of the ditch.

2. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS

When a ball comes to rest in the general area on:

- an area covered with wood chippings, or gravel,
- exposed rock, slate, chalk,
- areas void of grass – excluding divots - and cut to fairway height or less,

free relief may be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1b.

When a ball comes to rest in an aeration hole on a green, relief may be taken under Rule 16.1d.

3. PENALTY AREAS

On Hole 8, the gorse and bracken between the tee boxes and the green is deemed to be a Red Penalty Area, and relief may be taken by either stroke and distance, or by dropping in the Drop Zones. Both with a 1 stroke penalty.

4. PRACTICE

The area between the 17th and 18th fairways, excluding *putting greens*, *bunkers*, and *teeing grounds* may be used as a practice area at any time.

If a player's ball comes to rest on the practice green outside the clubhouse, playing from that area is PROHIBITED and the player MUST take relief under Rule 2.4.

5. 9-HOLE COMPETITIONS

Players playing in 9-hole competitions may play all or some of holes 6 to 14 as an addition to the competition (non-counting). Holes 6 to 14 are not part of the 9-hole competition course and therefore such players are not in breach of Rule 5.2b. Such players are also deemed not to be unreasonably delaying play and are therefore deemed not to be in breach of Rule 5.6. They are also not deemed to be in breach of Rule 5.5b.

6. GROUND UNDER REPAIR

Ground under repair is defined by white stakes or lines. Relief MUST be taken in accordance with Rule 16. All tractor wheel marks may be treated as *ground under repair*.

7. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

All footpaths on the course, and all tee-boxes, are deemed to be integral parts of the course. The following are designated as *Immovable Obstructions* and relief may be obtained in accordance with Rule 16: fixed sprinkler heads, taps, drainage covers, staked trees, plastic sheets around the base of any tree, white posts defining the internal out of bounds except when playing holes 5 and 7. In addition, if a ball lies in the *general area* and an *Immovable Obstruction* is on or within two club lengths of the *putting green* and within two club lengths of the ball on the line of play between the ball and the hole, relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b. There is no relief under this Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

8. MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

Dog excrement is deemed to be a *Movable Obstruction*. A player whose ball is embedded in or touching it may obtain relief in accordance with Rule 16.