



# LOCAL RULES

*(Updated 28 March 2019 - To be read in conjunction with the rules of golf 2019 Edition)*

## **1. Aeration Holes**

On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted, without penalty, and placed at the nearest spot no nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

## **2. Embedded Ball**

Relief may be taken in accordance with Rule 25-2, without penalty, THROUGH THE GREEN.

## **3. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green**

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, without penalty.

## **4. Protection of Staked Trees**

Relief, without penalty, in accordance with Rule 16.1a (Immovable Obstruction) must be taken away from all staked trees and shrubs.

## **5. Power Lines**

If a ball strikes an elevated power line or cable or power pole within the course, the stroke must be cancelled and replayed without. If the ball is not immediately recoverable another ball may be substituted.

## **6. Out of Bounds**

All ground beyond the lines defined by the inside face of all boundary fence posts and white stakes with black stripes.

The Practice Fairway is Internal Out of Bounds as defined by white stakes with black stripes. This extends to the fence line on eastern end of the course.

## **7. Ground Under Repair includes**

- a. Areas marked with white stakes, white lines or GUR signs
- b. All gardens and mulch/woodchip covered areas (note: hedge to the right of the 9th green is not a garden and is therefore in play)
- c. Clearly defined vehicle and machinery tracks
- d. Roped off areas
- e. Bare Patches on Closely Mown Areas (not old divots)
- f. Exposed Tree Roots on Closely Mown Areas (only)
- g. All GUR is a compulsory drop

## **8. Immovable Obstructions include**

- a. All pegs (except those defining out of bounds) i.e. Red (Penalty Area), Yellow (Penalty Area), White (GUR and 150 metre markers) and Blue (100 metre markers); Pink (location for new trees)
- b. All sprinkler heads and irrigation control boxes
- c. Drainage grates, headwalls and culverts, not in Penalty Areas
- d. Retaining Walls
- e. Ropes and stakes erected to direct traffic
- f. Water tank and Pump Shed on 6th Hole (not in Penalty Areas)
- g. Protection Screens, Practice Nets, Ball Washers and Sandboxes
- h. Bollard and rope fence between 9th and 10th fairways

## **9. Creek Crossings**

All creek crossings within the boundaries of a water hazard are an integral part of the course. Relief may only be taken in accordance with Rule 17.1.

## **10. Testing for Tree Roots**

If a player believes there may be tree roots in his line of swing he may, with the approval of his marker, test the ground by inserting a tee, provided he doesn't improve his lie.

## **11. Drop Zone 5th Hole**

If a player's drive from the Blue or Black tees on the fifth hole fails to cross the margin of the Penalty Area on the far side of the fifth hole dam he may drop a ball in the drop zone near the white tees. If a drop zone is not marked, the area adjacent to the timber structure (Distance Marker) to the left of the ladies tee becomes the Drop Zone. (Ball is to be dropped behind the line of the distance marker).

(The player will be playing his third stroke from the drop zone if he has only hit one ball into the water).

## **12. Drop Zone 17th Hole**

If a player's drive from the Orange or White tees on the 17th hole fails to cross the margin of the Penalty Area, he may drop a ball in the Drop Zone, to the right of the dam, adjacent to the end of the dam. If a drop zone is not marked, the area adjacent to the end of the dam and behind the furthest point of the dam and within 2 club lengths of the penalty area markings, will be deemed as the drop zone.

### **13. Kangaroo footprints in Bunkers only. (Local Rule F-13)**

Footprints that are clearly identifiable as having been caused by kangaroos are ground under repair from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

When taking relief under this rule, the ball must be dropped within the bunker, no nearer the hole, as per the standard dropping procedure from knee height.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.

### **14. Relief on Greens.**

Line of putt relief can be taken to avoid putting over bare patches on the green.

Relief must be the nearest point of relief, which gives a clear line of putt to the hole, taking into account the anticipated path of travel of the putt. All relief must be agreed on by the marker, prior to taking relief.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.

Note: General Penalty, is 2 strokes in stroke play or stableford and loss of hole in matchplay.

### **Annexure:**

Under the “New Rules of Golf 2019” some rule changes were made as a guide for clubs to help with the speed of play.

A “Local Rule” is required for these rules to take effect. At this stage, Kew CC will not be making a Local Rule for the following Rule:  
(Lost Balls or Out of Bounds)

The following rule is in play at Kew CC. (Rule 14.6)

If you play a ball and it cannot be found within three minutes or if you hit a ball out of bounds you are required to hit a replacement (Provisional) ball from within one club length of where the original ball was played. (Rule 14.6)

Remember: If at any time you feel that the ball you have played may be lost or out of bounds, you can play a provisional ball and if you cannot find your original ball within 3 minutes you can continue with your provisional ball under penalty of 1 shot plus distance. (Rule 14.6)

