



EAST DEVON
Golf Club

CHANGES TO TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES

Following a review of previous and ongoing course works the following changes to Temporary Local Rules are being implemented.

1. Return of certain areas of the course to play as part of the general area

- Red Penalty Areas

Except for the Red Penalty Area on Hole 10, all Red Penalty Areas established following gorse or shrub clearance are returned to being part of the general area. (Holes affected: 1, 4, 11 & 18).

- No Play Zones

Hole 6. The areas of Ground under Repair treated as No Play Zones on the right of the hole are returned to being part of the general area, except for 2 small areas short of the public footpath which are freshly seeded.

- Hole 13. The area of Ground under Repair will be redefined and limited to an area to the right rear of the green. There will be provision for one **optional** drop zone.
- Hole 12. The area to the left of hole 12 where adjacent to hole 13 will cease to be an abnormal course condition (ground under repair)

2. Winter Rules

Are being implemented with immediate effect.

3. No Play Zones treated as Abnormal Course Conditions (Ground under Repair)

No play zones are being created to protect the extensive works to the teeing areas on Holes 6, 11 & 13. Each area will have at least one **optional** drop zone.



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WINTER TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES (effective 14 October 2023 - 30 April 2024)

1. PREFERRED LIES

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less the player may take free relief once by **placing** the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: 6 inches from the reference point, but with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area: Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point and must be in the general area.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e .

2. AERATION HOLES

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

- a. Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b (**drop** in a one club-length relief area). If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.
- b. Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d (**place** at the nearest point of complete relief).

but interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.

3. TEMPORARY PUTTING GREENS/ WRONG GREENS

When any part of the general area has been prepared for use as a temporary putting green (by being mown more closely than the surrounding area)

- a. It is a wrong green when there is no flagstick in it, and
- a. Any putting green that has been replaced by a temporary putting green is a wrong green

When there is interference by a wrong green free relief **must be taken** under Rule 13.1f.

4. BUNKERS UNDER REPAIR/RENOVATION –ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION; NO PLAY ZONE.

Any bunker undergoing repair or renovation (indicated by a GUR sign placed in the bunker and/or encircled by a white line) is a no play zone that is to be treated as an abnormal course condition. Free relief **must be taken** from interference by the no play zone under Rule 16.1f.

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

By order of the Captain's Committee 14 October 2023



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TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES – HOLE 13

1. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS, GROUND UNDER REPAIR

The area to the back right of hole 13 defined by blue stakes with yellow tops is an Abnormal Course Condition (Ground under Repair) If a player's ball touches or is in or on ground under repair the player **may** take free relief either under Rule 16.1b, or, as an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone.

2. DROPPING ZONE

One club-length in any direction, including nearer the hole, from the plain blue stake. The dropping zone is a relief area under rule 14.3 (the ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area).

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TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES – HOLES 6, 1 - 13

1. NO PLAY ZONES

The following areas of the course are **no play zones** that are to be treated as an abnormal course condition (ground under repair).

- On hole 6 the newly levelled/installed teeing areas and extensive scrub clearance to the left of those areas,
- On holes 11 & 13, the newly levelled/installed teeing areas
- On hole 12, the newly seeded areas to the left of the green

Such areas are defined by [metal stakes with blue rope] [white lines] [which may be solid or broken]. If a ball is in a No Play Zone on these holes the player **must** take free relief under Rule 16.1f, or, as an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone

2. DROPPING ZONE

One club-length in any direction, including nearer the hole, from the nearest blue stake to where the ball lies. The dropping zone is a relief area under rule 14.3 (the ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area).

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TRACTOR RUTS (and associated course repairs)

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (RULE 16.1)

The following are abnormal course conditions (ground under repair),

1. Tractor ruts associated with the current or recent course works.
2. On hole 5, the track of exposed soil to the right of the fairway following the levelling of deep tractor ruts.

Where there is interference by such ground under repair, the player may take free relief under rule 16.1b.

NOTE:

- The margins of these conditions are not physically marked. Players should exercise “Reasonable Judgment” in accordance with Rule 1.3b(2) when determining whether there is interference from the condition where the ball lies, or to the player’s area of intended stance or swing.
- There is no relief under rule 16.1 when playing the ball as it lies is clearly unreasonable because of something from which the player is not allowed to take free relief (such as when a player is unable to make a stroke because of where the ball lies in gorse).

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

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