



ERLESTOKE GOLF CLUB - LOCAL RULES:

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

MATCHPLAY – GENERAL PENALTY (LOSS OF HOLE).

STROKEPLAY - GENERAL PENALTY (TWO STROKES).

OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18)

A ball is out of bounds when:

- It is beyond the line between the course-side points at ground level of white boundary stakes or lines
- It is beyond any hedge, ditch or fence forming the boundary of the course
- It is on or beyond the Entrance Road, Clubhouse Surrounds and Car Park, Putting Green and Practice Net Area, or Driving Range.
- Note: The Driving Range outfield is Out of Bounds and for safety, players are strictly forbidden to enter this area.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS, including Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16)

(i) Ground Under Repair

- (a) Areas encircled by white lines
- (b) Gravel or sunken drainage channels in the General Area
- (c) Animal Holes (including flattened molehills)
- (d) Deep vehicle/tractor marks (not including light indentations made by normal Greenkeeper's machinery)

(ii) Immovable Obstructions

- (a) All artificially surfaced pathways on the course
- (b) All permanent course signage and furniture.

(iii) Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green.

In addition to the types of interference described in Rule 16.1a, when a ball lies in the General Area, interference also exists if an Immovable Obstruction is on the player's line of play, is within two club-lengths of the Putting Green and is within two club-lengths of the ball. Relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b (Exception - There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.)

(iv) No Play Zones

- (a) Staked trees
- (b) Newly turfed or seeded areas (except for seeded divots) that are marked with a "No Play Zone" sign.

NB: In all cases, if interference exists with the lie of the ball, the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player **must** take relief under rule 16.1f.



PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17)

Penalty Areas are indicated by red and yellow stakes and defined by respective lines when present.

If no line is present, the edge of a Penalty Area is defined by its natural boundaries (that is, where the ground slopes down to form the depression), or a clear change in vegetation.

Any body of water on the course, including any lake, pond, stream, river or ditch (even if not containing water) that does not have stakes is treated as a Red Penalty Area

Dropping Zone on Hole 15

If a ball is in the Penalty Area on hole 15, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the Penalty Area, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:

- Take relief under Rule 17.1, or
- As an additional option, drop the original ball or another ball in the Dropping Zone. The Dropping Zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3, meaning a ball must be dropped in, and come to rest, in the relief area.

OVERHEAD WIRES

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hits an overhead power line or supporting structure, the player **must** replay the stroke with the original ball, or another ball from the spot where the last stroke was made.

If the player replays the stroke, but does so from the wrong place, they get the General Penalty under Rule 14.7

If the player does not replay the stroke, they get the General Penalty and the stroke counts, but the player has not played from the wrong place.

AERATION HOLES/SLITS (MLR-E4)

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

- Ball in General Area – The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b (drop from knee height). If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole/slit the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.
- Ball on Putting Green – The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d (place).

But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing or, on the Putting Green, on the player's line of play.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS

Wooden Retaining Sleepers

A Defibrillator is available at the clubhouse – 01380 830300