



## 2019 SURREY HARD CARD

### LOCAL RULES and TERMS OF COMPETITION

The following Local Rules and Terms of Competition, together with any additions or amendments published by Surrey Golf at the golf course, will apply to all Surrey Golf Championships, and should be read in conjunction with the Terms of the Competition of each individual Championship. The word 'Championships' includes all Surrey Golf events e.g. 'Tournaments', 'Finals' and 'Competitions'.

These Local Rules replace any Local Rules published by a host club (e.g. on a Club's score card).

*Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the General Penalty.*

#### 1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

- i) Beyond any wall, fence, road or path, hedge or line of white stakes defining the boundary of the course.
- ii) On or beyond any white line defining the boundary of the course.

#### 2. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

- i) Red penalty areas are defined by red stakes or red lines.
- ii) Yellow penalty areas are defined by yellow stakes or yellow lines.

Note:

- a) When both stakes and lines are used, the edge of the penalty area is defined by the outside edge of the line and the stakes show where the penalty area is.
- b) The part of a bridge that crosses a penalty area is in the penalty area.

#### 3. Abnormal Course Conditions, including Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16)

##### 3.1 Ground Under Repair

- i) Any area bounded by a white line.
- ii) Areas within Ground Under Repair identified or defined by blue lines or stakes are no play zones and relief must be taken.
- iii) tone-filled drainage ditches or channels.
- iv) Seams of cut turf: interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.

##### 3.2 Immovable Obstructions

- i) All artificially surfaced roads and paths on the course, including those covered with wood chips. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments.
- ii) White lined areas and the immovable obstruction they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition.

##### 3.3 Embedded Ball

Rule 16.3 is modified in this way:

Free relief is not allowed when a ball is embedded in stacked turf faces or soil faces above bunkers.

#### 4. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens (e.g. Sprinkler Heads)

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, and within two club-lengths of the putting green, and within two club-lengths of the ball. The player may take relief 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.)

#### 5. Integral Objects

The following are integral objects, from which free relief is not allowed:

- i) Artificial bunker faces.
- ii) Bunker liners in their intended position.

## 6. Ball Deflected by Power Line

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit an overhead line, or a wire or pole supporting an overhead line the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6 for what to do).

## 7. Protection of Young Trees

Young trees identified by wrapping, stakes or otherwise protected are no play zones:

- i) If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take complete relief under Rule 16.1f.
- ii) If the ball lies in a penalty area, and interference to the player's stance or area of intended swing exists from such a tree, the player must take complete relief either with penalty under Rule 17.1e or with free relief under Rule 17.1e(2).

## 8. Use of Equipment (Rule 4.3)

Rule 4.3a (4) is modified in this way: During a round, mobile phones may only be used in the case of emergencies, to contact the Committee or a Referee, as a Distance Measuring Device, or to look up content that relates to the Rules of Golf. A player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device.

*Penalty for Breach of Local Rule - see Rule 4.3*

## 9. Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7)

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

- i) Immediate stop for imminent danger: one prolonged note of a siren (Play must be discontinued immediately).
- ii) Stop for a non-dangerous situation: three consecutive notes of a siren.
- iii) Resumption of play: two consecutive notes of a siren (Players must then, but not before then, resume play).

*Penalty for breach of Local Rule: Disqualification.*

Note:

- a) Players will be informed by Surrey Golf Officials when play will resume.
- b) Players will be given sufficient time to reach the place where they were on the course before play was suspended.
- c) When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

## 10. Transportation

During a round a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Committee. A player who will play or has played under stroke and distance is always authorised to ride on motorised transportation for this purpose only.

## 11. Caddies

Caddies are not permitted in any boys or girls Junior Championship or event, except that they are allowed in the Finals of the Boys and Girls Scratch and Handicap knockouts, where caddies must not be related to the player or be a professional golfer and must be under the age of 18.

## 12. Returning Score Card

A player's score card is deemed officially returned to the Committee when the player has left the recording office/area.

Note: Players must promptly return their score cards to the recording office/area.

## 13. Result of a Match or Championship

- i) Match play: The result of a match is officially announced when it has been recorded in the County Office.
- ii) Stroke play: The results of the competition are deemed officially announced and the competition is closed when the Trophy is presented to the winner.

### Note: - Pace of Play

In certain tournaments there may be Pace of Play Guidelines. Competitors will be advised when they register and will be expected to comply.

*In all stroke play tournaments players are encouraged to play Ready Golf if safe to do so.*