



Pinhal GC, Vilamoura, Portugal

1 - 3 February 2024

ADDITIONAL LOCAL RULES

In addition to the Local Rules and Terms of Competition on The R&A Hard Card, the following Local Rules and Terms of Competition will apply to the R&A Student Series Event at Pinhal GC.

1 Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

- a) A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any fence, wall or row of white stakes defining a boundary.
- b) Where the course boundary is indicated by both a wall and fence the line of the fence posts defines the boundary and both the fence and wall are boundary items.
- c) For sections of course boundary where both white stakes and fences are present the boundary is indicated by the stakes
- d) When playing Hole #17: A ball is out of bounds if it comes to rest on the closely mown area constituting the 11th fairway, the edge of the closely mown area of the 11th fairway defines the boundary and the white posts in the trees to the right of the 17th hole have no meaning
- e) On Hole#18 : out of bounds behind the green is defined by the fence posts.
- f) The paved area around the clubhouse, including the paved area in front of the buggy park, paths to the toilet block, and paved area around the toilet block, a ball is out of bounds if it is beyond the course side edge of the wooden edgings / kerb around the paved areas. The wooden edgings and kerbs are boundary objects
- g) Driving Range : a ball is out of bounds if it lies on or over the surfaced path to the right of the range (i.e. the path leading to the 1st tee)

2 Abnormal Course Conditions (including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)

2a) Ground Under Repair

- (1) Any area bounded by a blue line.
- (2) Roped off areas on the 14th and 18th holes
- (3) On Hole #18 the roped off area of GUR and adjoining plastic mesh path are a single abnormal course condition
- (4) Any area of damaged ground that is considered by a referee to be abnormal (e.g. caused by animals, vehicle movement or heavy rain/irrigation).
- (5) Apron of 9th green
- (6) On Hole #9 : area behind and to left of the green marked by blue line – note : the bunker is **not** GUR

2b) Abnormal Course Conditions

- (1) Seams of cut turf; Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
- (2) Animal holes : Model Local Rule F-6 is in use : Rule 16.1a(1) is modified in this way : Relief is not allowed if an animal hole only interferes with the player's stance

2c) Immovable Obstructions

- (1) All tarmac surfaced and plastic mesh paths and artificial (e.g. wooden pole) path edgings
- (2) Staked trees : Model Local Rule F-6 is in use : Rule 16.1a(1) is modified in this way : Relief is only allowed in the case of interference by the stake itself, not the tree, and relief is not allowed if a stake only interferes with the player's stance
- (3) Free relief is allowed if any piles of cut logs / tree branches or chippings, awaiting removal, interferes with a player's lie, area of intended swing or stance
- (4) Pallets of turf to the right of the 18th green

3 Integral Objects

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

- a) All paths other than tarmac surfaced, and plastic mesh, paths noted in 2c) (1)

4 Penalty Areas

- a) The red penalty area to the left of hole #1 extends to the course boundary
- b) The red penalty area to the left of hole #13 extends to the course boundary

5 Gates in Boundary Fences

- a) Model Local Rule F-26 is in use –closed gates in boundary fences are boundary objects but an open gate (i.e. one which is not secured in a closed position) may be closed or moved to a different position

6 Practice Putting Greens

Practice Putting Greens behind the 9th green are Wrong Greens – free relief must be taken under Rule 13.1f

7 No Play Zones

- a) On Hole #15 : the turf nursery to the left of the hole is a no play zone – free relief must be taken
- b) On Hole #16 : the new turf storage area to the right of the hole is a no play zone – free relief must be taken if a ball comes to rest on a patch of the new turf or if a patch interferes with the intended area of swing or stance

8 Green Reading Materials

MLR G-12 is in use – Prohibiting the use of materials to help read the line of play for a stroke to be made from the putting green : During a round a player must not use any written, printed, electronic or digital materials to help with reading the line of play for a stroke made on the putting green

9 Preferred Lies

Model Local Rule E-3 is in use : when a ball lies in the general area, mowed to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by lifting, cleaning and placing the original ball, or another ball, and playing it from this relief area :

- i. Reference point – spot of original ball
- ii. Size of relief area from reference point : one club length, but within these limits
 - a. Not nearer the hole than the reference point
 - b. In the general area

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Referees: Stuart Melville - R&A (Chief Referee),
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