

All other Local Rules displayed at the Club House or on the score card is hereby cancelled.

PREFERRED LIES (Model Local Rule E-3)

When a player's ball lies on the fairway of the hole being played, 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:** **one club-length** 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.

OUT OF BOUNDS

A ball is out of bounds if the whole of the ball comes to rest:

- + beyond the golf course boundaries of all residential properties,
- + beyond the white stakes defining the boundary of the course,
- + beyond the black estate perimeter fence,
- + beyond the stakes or cart path surrounding the clubhouse (in the absence of stakes the clubhouse side of the cart path is the defining line).

Note: Entry to retrieve golf balls from private residences or beyond the Out of Bounds Markers is strictly **prohibited**.

(First offence: General Penalty Second offence: Disqualification)

PENALTY AREAS

1. **NO PLAY ZONES:** Conservation ESA (Fynbos) areas on the course are defined as Red Penalty Areas and are demarcated by **Rope & Pole Fences**. These are **NO PLAY ZONES** and it is **forbidden to enter** these areas (the Code of Conduct will apply if a player enter these areas). If it is known or virtually certain that a ball is in a **NO PLAY ZONE**, the player must under penalty of one stroke proceed under the relief options of Rule 17.1d.

2. Other **Red Penalty Areas** are defined either by:

- + a **Post & Sign** or
- + by **red stakes**, or
- + as the **physical edge** of the Strandveld (Fynbos), in the absence of stakes, or
- + **beyond the groove of the cart path** where a cart path meets a Fynbos penalty area (with the groove itself being outside the penalty area).

This means that a player may take free relief under Rule 16.1 from an artificially surfaced road for a ball lying **in the groove** of a cart path at the side of the penalty area, but **not** if it is **beyond** the groove.

[For the purpose of pace of play, in taking free relief from the path and groove under Rule 16.1 or penalty relief under Rule 17.1d from the penalty area, the relief area will be on the fairway side as one-club length from the edge of the cart path not nearer the hole from the reference point.]

ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS (Rule 16-1)

1. All areas marked as G.U.R, either with painted white lines/dots or a sign;
2. All newly sodded areas (Model Local Rule F-7): Relief is available only if a player's ball touches or lies in the seam of a sod or if the seam interferes with the intended swing. No relief available if a sodded area only affects a player's stance.
3. Roads and pathways: Free relief may be taken from all **artificially surfaced** roads, pathways as well as all gravel service roads.
4. Damage by animals: In the general area, bunkers and teeing areas damage caused by Springbok hoof prints are treated as ground under repair from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1b. But interference does not exist if the damage only interferes with the player's stance. **NOTE:** On the putting green Rule 16.1 does not apply as such hoof damage may be repaired.
5. Animal dung/droppings: Animal dung is a loose impediment which may be removed. However, if a player's ball is lying in or on an accumulation of dung which is not readily moveable, or such accumulation interferes with the player's intended stance or swing, it may also be treated as Ground Under Repair from which free relief is allowed.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS (Model Local Rule F-5)

For a ball in the general area, free relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is (i) on the line of play, (ii) within 2 club-lengths of the putting green, (iii) within 2 club-lengths of the ball and (iv) both the obstruction and the ball are in an area cut to fairway height or less.

EDGING GROOVES AT PUTTING GREENS (Model Local Rule F-19)

A ball coming to rest in or on the edging groove separating a green from the apron is deemed to be on the putting green and the ball may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and placed at the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole. (But interference does not exist if the edging groove only interferes with the line of play or the player's stance.)

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

Penalty for breach of Rule 14-3:

First offence: General Penalty Second offence: Disqualification

PACE OF PLAY

There is a Pace of Play policy in place and a fourball must complete a round within 4 hours 30 minutes (halfway house included). If players fall behind their times, a marshal may approach them to speed up play.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Atlantic Beach Links Code of Conduct is in place and will apply to all rounds.

DISTANCE MARKERS

All fairway and sprinkler distance markers are measured in metres to front of the green..