

LOCAL RULES - Interclubs MidAmateur Christnach (13/14 May 2017)

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General

1. Unless specifically mentioned otherwise, any ball coming to rest in or near bushes, plantations, shrubs or trees, even if it lies on mulch, bark chippings, dark sand or soil should be played as it lies. If the player deems his ball unplayable, he must, under penalty of one stroke proceed as per rule 28. Free relief may be taken under rule 24-2 from any staked small trees or shrubs.
2. Balls landing on tee boxes should be played as they lie.
3. All fences on the back 9 holes should be considered as boundary fences, except the short fence near the 11th green which marks part of the boundary of the water hazard.
4. A ball which crosses one out of bounds line (whether posts, boundary fence, rope, track, road or pathway), and comes to rest anywhere beyond that first line, is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course, and may have crossed a second boundary line. (e.g. 5th to 7th, 9th to 10th, 11th/13th to 10th/12th etc.)
5. Where a line (posts, boundary fence, rope, track, road or pathway etc), defined as an out of bounds line, is broken by a pathway, grassed area, gateway etc, it should be assumed that the line continues across the interruption in a straight line between the two nearest posts on either side of the interruption.
6. If a ball comes to rest on the top of one of the red hexagonal building blocks which have been used to construct greens (e.g. 15th) then a free drop may be taken at the nearest point of relief, except if the block lies in, or forms the border of a hazard.
7. Out of bounds posts must not be removed. Other coloured posts can be removed where they interfere with stance or swing but must be replaced in exactly the same place after the shot has been taken.
8. If, on a par 4 hole, a member of your flight wishes to “drive for the green”, then the other players should play first and that player wait until the flight in front is clear of the green.
9. Relief can be taken from the mobile toilet, should it be placed on the course, and if it interferes with the player’s stance or swing.
10. Where stakes are used to define out-of-bounds (white), water hazards (yellow), lateral water hazards (red) and ground under repair (blue), the boundary is defined as a straight line between the stakes. Where a hazard or OB area is marked with both lines and stakes, the line defines the boundary, and the stakes indicate its presence.
11. All drainage channels which have been filled in with chippings or sand are deemed part of the course (no relief).
12. Grass islands (e.g. the left fairway bunker on hole one) contained within bunkers are part of the course and not part of the hazard.
13. Double white posts indicate the end of an out of bounds line.
14. If a ball lands on the wrong green, it must be dropped, without penalty, within one club’s length from the nearest point of relief, off the green, and not nearer the hole (Rule 25-3)
15. When a player’s ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

Hole 1

a) Relief must be taken from the row of small saplings on the right hand side of the fairway within the area marked as GUR by blue stakes, without penalty, if the area of GUR interferes with stance or swing. This includes the entire area between the blue stakes and the OB line up until the end of the fence on the right of the fairway.

Hole 2

a) The rocks on the right hand side of the 'lake', near the bridge, and the rocks in the 'lake' near the 9th fairway, are both part of the water hazard. No free relief.

b) The out-of-bounds fence at the bottom of the steep bank on the right is marked by white posts. The entire right hand side of the hole is a Lateral Water hazard and relief may be taken under rule 26-1, providing that it is known or virtually certain that a ball hit towards the hazard has remained within the boundaries of the hazard, and has not crossed the OB line. Otherwise relief under rule 26-1 is not available and the shot must be replayed.

Hole 4

a) The out of bounds posts along the left hand side of the fairway apply only to hole 7, not to hole 4.

b) The out of bounds posts on the right hand side go into the corner behind the hedge near the green. It then turns at right angles, goes through the hedge and continues along the right hand side of the green. Note: this means that the first 10m approximately of the hedge on the right hand side of the green is in play and part of the course – penalty drop if your ball is unplayable.

Hole 5

a) The wood on the right hand side is in bounds.

b) The field on the left and everything beyond are out of bounds.

c) If your ball comes to rest in play by the fence that runs down the left hand side of the fairway from the tee box, but is not playable because of the fence, a penalty drop within 2 club's length may be taken, but not nearer the hole. If it is not possible to drop on a spot that is not closer to the hole, then this option is not available and the shot must be replayed.

d) An out of bounds line runs along the nearside of the line of shrubs beginning at the corner of the wood, behind the right hand bunker and all the way along the fairway to the end of the shrubbery. From here it crosses at right angles to the fence on the left hand side of the 6th fairway. For the avoidance of doubt, unless where marked by a white line, the OB boundary is formed by a series of straight 'line of sight' lines between stakes.

Hole 6

a) The only OB boundary that applies to hole 6 is the entire left hand side of the hole up until the last stake in the wood to the left of the green – i.e. the OB stakes on the right and behind the green do not apply to hole 6

b) Relief under rule 24-2 may be taken from the gravel path to the left of the green, proving that the ball lies in bounds.

Hole 7

a) Out of bounds on the right hand side is defined by the fence.

b) If a ball lies in bounds, but is not playable because of the fence, a ball may be dropped within two club lengths, not nearer the hole under penalty of 1 shot – i.e. no special relief from the fence.

c) The left side of the fairway is OB until approximately 100 metres from the green. The end of the OB line is marked with two white posts together. The OB line then crosses the 4th fairway at right angles. This line is defined by, when standing on the 7th fairway, lining up the two white stakes marking the end of OB and projecting this across the 4th fairway.

Hole 9

- a) The concrete pipes next to the fence, near the 'lake', are ground under repair (free relief).
- b) The rocks on the right hand side of the 'lake', and the rocks near the bridge, are both part of the water hazard. No free drop.
- c) The short row of bushes between the green and the bunker with 2 islands, are part of the course. No free drop.

Holes 10 and 12

- a) The fence on the left hand side is out of bounds.
- b) The nearside edge of the shrubbery, which runs along the right hand side of the 12th fairway, marks the start of the out of bounds area. A ball which comes to rest beyond OB line is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course. For the avoidance of doubt, unless where marked by a white line, the OB boundary is formed by a series of straight 'line of sight' lines between stakes. It continues to the left of the Safety Hut and onto the fence behind the green.
- c) When 2 flights arrive at the same time on the 10th and 12th tees, the flight on the 10th tee completes their drives first and then waits for the flight on the 12th tee to complete their drives. The two flights then walk together down the shared fairway. Players play their shots to their respective greens selecting the most appropriate ball to be played but only one at a time, taking into consideration the position and safety of other players and the necessity to keep playing at a reasonable pace.
- d) Players arriving on the 10th or 12th tees who find that the fairway is already occupied by another flight, should wait until all players heading for the 10th or 12th green are safely on or near to the green before teeing off.
- e) Free relief may be taken if stance or swing is interfered by the concrete platform on the left hand side of the fairway.
- f) The shrubberies separating the 10th and 12 fairways are part of the course – no free relief.
- g) The path to the side and behind the green is part of the course. No free relief.
- h) The lake drainage ditch which runs between the 10th and 12th tees is part of the course. No free relief.
- i) A ball played from the 10th or 12th tees that crosses the large lake (red hazard posts) on the right hand side, is deemed to be out of bounds, even if the ball comes to rest before the start of the white posts. This is for the safety of players on the 11th/13th fairways.
- j) A ball landing anywhere in the hazard is deemed to be in the hazard, regardless of the position of any OB stakes.

Holes 11 and 13

- a) The far side edge of the shrubbery, along the right hand side of the 11th fairway, is out of bounds. A ball which comes to rest beyond that edge of the shrubbery is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course (e.g. the 12th or 10th fairways). For the avoidance of doubt, unless where marked by a white line, the OB boundary is formed by a series of straight 'line of sight' lines between stakes. A free drop must be taken from the shrubbery beside the lake which is marked by blue stakes – ground under repair.
- b) The path on the right hand side, just below the 11th green is part of the course. No free relief.
- c) A ball which lands to the left of the boundary fence on the 13th fairway is out of bounds, even if it lands on or near the track or on another part of the course to the left of this fence. (e.g. the 14th fairway).

- d) When 2 flights arrive at the same time on the 11th and 13th tees, the flight on the 11th tee completes their drives first and then waits for the flight on the 13th tee to complete their drives. The two flights then walk together down the shared fairway.
- e) Players arriving on the 11th or 13th tees who find that the fairway is already occupied by another flight, should wait until all players heading for the 11th or 13th green are safely on or near to the green before teeing off.
- f) The green fence near the 11th green is part of the boundary of the lateral water hazard. The fence is an immovable obstruction and relief may be taken under rule 24-2
- g) A ball played from the 11th or 13th tees that crosses the large lake (red hazard posts) on the right hand side, is out of bounds, because the out of bounds line now continues across the middle of the lake and finishes at the two posts on the far side of the lake.
- h) A ball landing anywhere in the lake is deemed to be in the hazard, regardless of the position of any OB stakes.

Hole 12

- a) The path behind the green is part of the course. No free drop.
- b) Providing the ball is not OB, a free drop may be taken if the hut behind the 12th green interferes with stance or swing, at the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole.

Hole 14

- a) The nearside edge of the track is the OB boundary. A ball hit from the 14th, which lands to the left of the nearside edge of the track is out of bounds, even if it lands on or near the track or another part of the course (e.g. 11th or 13th fairways).
- b) The area between left hand side edge of the cut area of the fairway, and the nearside edge of the track, is a lateral water hazard (red stakes).

Hole 15

- a) Pathways are part of the course. No free drop.
- b) Free relief may be taken from any staked small trees or shrubs, but otherwise there is no relief from plantations around hole15.

Hole 16

- a) Pathways are part of the course. No free drop.
- b) Free relief may be taken from any staked small trees or shrubs, but otherwise there is no relief from plantations around hole16.

Hole 17

- a) Out of bounds occurs down both the left and right hand sides.
- b) Pathways are part of the course. No free drop.

Hole 18

- a) The out of bounds line follows the inside edge of the shrubs which grow down the right hand side of the fairway and behind the green and round to the fence. Therefore all of the area with shrubs and the compact course is out of bounds. This applies even in the absence of white out of bounds stakes.
- b) When playing off the upper tees behind the 17th green, any ball not landing on the fairway, rough, bunker or green through the gate is out of bounds.