

# Bedfordshire Golf Club – Local Rules

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These Local Rules override those on the current score card and should be read in conjunction with any Temporary Local Rules currently in force.

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

A ball is out of bounds if it lies

- a) beyond any boundary of the Course or nearest inside points at ground level of any white stakes bounding the course
- b) in or on any paved area, planted flower/shrub bed or any part of the clubhouse surroundings.

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

The margins of all Penalty Areas are marked by Yellow or Red stakes. Yellow stakes provide relief options under Rule 17.1d(1) or 17.1d(2) and red stakes provide an additional relief option under Rule 17.1d(3).

## **3 Protection of the Course**

### **a) *Plantations – Withdrawn 8 April 2016***

**b) *Young Trees*** – Young trees identified only as being supported by stakes are No Play Zones. If they interfere with a player's stance or the area of intended swing the ball **must** be lifted, without penalty and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 16.1f. The area of any cultivated ground surrounding staked trees is to be regarded as Ground Under Repair and relief under Rule 16.1b may be taken.

Exception: A player may not obtain relief under this local rule if a) it is clearly unreasonable for the player to play a stroke because of interference by anything other than the tree or b) interference by the tree would only occur through the use of an unnecessary abnormal stance, swing or direction of play.

**c) *Ground Under Repair (Rule 16)*** - All areas marked as Ground Under repair are No Play Zones. A player **must** take relief without penalty from any interference under Rules 16.f.

**d) *Temporary Greens.*** Any temporary green marked with a white line and not in play should be treated a wrong green. Any putting green that has been replaced by a temporary green in play is a wrong green. Relief, without penalty, **must** be taken in accordance with Rule 13.1f.

**e) *Teeing Areas.*** Other than in competitions all teeing areas other than that of the hole being played are deemed as No Play Zones from which play is prohibited. If a player's ball lies on a teeing area the player must take relief as provided in Rule 16.1f

#### **4 Obstructions/Integral Objects**

- a) Rabbit Guards on Trees** – These are Integral Objects and relief is not available.
- b) Stones in bunkers** – These are loose impediments (Rule 12.2a applies).
- c) Paths, roadways and fixed course furniture/structures** – These are immovable obstructions (Rule 16.1 applies).

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE:** - General Penalty  
(Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two strokes)

#### **5 Practice Before or Between Rounds (Rule 5.2b)**

The practice putting green and the chipping area to the left of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> fairways are within the bounds of the course. Practice on these areas is permitted prior to, or between rounds of a stroke play competition.

Location : Main Notice Board