



# SPALDING PARK

## GOLF CLUB



LOCAL RULES – CURRENT AS OF 1 February 2015  
(To be read in conjunction with the rules of golf)

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27-1)

1.1 Beyond the fences bounding the Course

1.2 The Club Carpark the margins of which are defined by white stakes with black tops and any other area of the Course defined by said stakes e.g. east side of hole 15 around the work-shed .

1.3 The mesh attachments to the boundary fence between holes two and eleven and extending through to hole twelve are now designated as “**Part of the Boundary Fence**”. **If your ball lies in or on the mesh your ball is out of bounds.** You should proceed to play your ball in accordance with Rule 27-1b. **(if the ball is out of bounds the player must play a ball, under penalty of one stroke, as nearly as possible at the spot which the original ball was last played)**

2. Ground under repair (Rule 25)

2.1 All garden beds are to be treated as Ground Under Repair and relief **must** be taken in accordance with the procedure in Rule 25-1b(i) **(lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief)**

2.2 Those areas marked with white stakes and/or white lines are to be treated as Ground Under Repair and relief **may** be taken in accordance with the procedure in Rule 25-1b. Areas which are defined by anything other than the afore-mentioned must have a sign saying GUR.

3. Staked palms, staked trees or staked shrubs (Rule 24)

3.1 If a staked palm, staked tree or a staked shrub interferes with a players stance or area of intended swing, the ball **must** be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with the procedure in 24-2b(i) (Immovable Obstructions ). The ball may be cleaned when so lifted. The stakes are immovable obstructions.

3.2 Planted trees or palms (not shrubs) less than one club length in height are to be treated as staked and relief **must** be taken as provided in 3.1 above.

4. Pathways

4.1 All pathways formed from anything artificial e.g. metal dust, hot mix or woodchips are to be treated as immovable obstructions and relief **may** be taken in accordance with the procedure in Rule 24-2b. Also, refer to definition of ‘Obstructions’ in the Rules of Golf.

5. Protective Fence separating number 2 and number 9 tees.

5.1 The fence separating the tees on hole numbers 2 and 9 is an immovable obstruction and if relief is required a player **must** drop the ball without penalty according to Rule 24-2b

6. Irrigation equipment including hoses and sprinklers whether in operation or not and markers for bunker rakes

6.1 Irrigation equipment (**excluding moveable hoses and sprinklers**) to be treated as an immovable obstruction with relief to be taken according to Rule 24-2b. Further, if a fixed sprinkler head is within two club lengths of the putting green and the ball lies within two club lengths of the obstacle (and the obstacle is on the line of play) the ball may be dropped at the nearest point of relief.

6.2 Moveable hoses and sprinklers are to be treated as a movable obstruction and relief taken as per Rule 24-1a/b (**a player may take relief, without penalty, from a moveable obstruction as follows:- (a) if the ball does not lie in or on the obstruction the obstruction may be removed. If the ball moves, it must be replaced, and there is no penalty. (b) if the ball lies in or on the obstruction the ball may be lifted and the obstruction removed. The ball must be dropped, as near as possible, to the spot directly under the place where the ball lay in or on the obstruction, but not nearer the hole.**)

6.3 T markers located adjacent to bunkers where bunker rakes are placed are to be treated as immovable obstructions and relief to be taken according to Rule 24-2b.

7. Ground under Repair (abnormal ground conditions)

7.1 Abnormal ground conditions / damage by non-burrowing animals. An area between fairways two and eleven ONLY may be affected by damage from resident guinea fowl and may be treated as ground under repair and relief may be taken in accordance with Rule 25-1b (Abnormal Ground Conditions) (**lift and drop without penalty no closer to hole**)

Notes

1. The blue pegs on the edge of the fairways indicate that the distance from a point in the middle of the fairway opposite that point to the centre of the green is 150 metres and is an immovable object refer Rule 24 – 2a & b
2. The yellow pegs on the edge of the fairways indicate that the distance from the point in the middle of the fairway opposite the point to the centre of the green is 100 metres and is an immovable object refer Rule 24 – 2 a & b.
3. If unsure of any ruling please play two balls according to Rule 3.3. The player must advise his marker/fellow competitor prior to taking this action and report to the Committee prior to handing in scorecard as per Rule 3.3 .
4. Line of sight does not apply on this Course unless specifically nominated by the Match Committee or Tournament Officials.
5. **MOBILE PHONES** are **NOT** to be used on the course during competition play.
6. A member who is 75 years or over may, after receiving permission from the General Committee, use a motorized cart with no restrictions as regards Honor Board events.
7. **Motorized carts** or similar vehicles are not to be driven or parked within 10 (ten) metres of any green.

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