



# SPALDING PARK

## GOLF CLUB



### LOCAL RULES – CURRENT AS OF 14 Feb 2018 (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 eg 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

All pathways formed from anything artificial eg metal dust, hotmix 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.

The iron fence separating the tees on hole numbers 2 and 9 is an immovable obstruction and if relief is required (only under stance and swing) a player **must** drop the ball without penalty according to Rule 24-2b in the designated drop zone.



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### 6. Irrigation equipment including hoses and sprinklers whether in operation or not

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.)**

### 7 Ground under Repair (abnormal ground conditions)

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)**

### 8 Accidental movement of ball on putting green

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, their partner, their opponent or any of their caddies, or their equipment. The ball is returned to the original position.

### 9 Distance Measuring Devices

For all play at this course, 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 their play (eg, elevation changes, wind speed/direction etc) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

(PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE 14-3: Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes. For subsequent offence – Disqualification. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next 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 **(See note 6 below)**
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. **(see note 6 below)**



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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. **Motorised carts** or similar motorised vehicles are not to be driven or parked within 10 (ten) metres of any green.
6. A player may take relief from an immovable obstruction, without penalty, when their ball lies in or on the obstruction, or when the obstruction interferes with the player's stance or the area of their intended swing. Remember, that when an immovable obstruction intervenes on the intended line of play that is not, of itself, interference under this Rule. Nor is there relief for mental interference by an immovable obstruction, such as when a fence is close to, but not physically interfering with the intended stroke. Also, note that a player **may** take relief in this situation; that is they don't have to. Quite often the nearest point of relief may result in the player having to deal with an even more difficult shot than where their ball is at rest close to the immovable obstruction.

Regards

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