



# Heswall Golf Club

Dear Members

## TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES – WINTER 2021/22

Please find attached an updated list of Temporary Local Rules which will be effective from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 until further notice.

As well as the Temporary Local Rules already in place, the list now includes 3 new weather-related temporary rules.

We have also taken the opportunity of withdrawing the Temporary Local Rule giving free relief on specified damaged greens.

In summary, the Temporary Local Rules (TLR) in place from 13<sup>th</sup> October are as follows:

- TLR 1: Preferred lies (**NEW**)
- TLR 2: Lifting and cleaning a ball lying in the rough (**NEW**)
- TLR 3: Bunker filled with temporary water (**NEW**)
- TLR 4: Areas temporarily designated as GUR (existing)
- TLR 5: Areas temporarily designated as No Play Zones (NPZ) (existing)
  - (a) Seeded area to the right of the 14<sup>th</sup> green and planted area behind the 17<sup>th</sup> green
  - (b) The temporary putting greens marked with white lines (when not in play)
  - (c) Treated areas marked by white lines surrounding specified greenside bunkers

As ever, please let me know if anything about the meaning or application of these temporary rules needs further clarification.

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**12<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

## **TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES – WINTER 2021/22**

**(Effective Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021)**

### **1. PREFERRED LIES**

When a player's ball lies in a part of the *general area* cut to fairway height or less (fairways, aprons, and green fringes only), the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from the relief area. The relief area is within 6 inches from the spot of the original ball and must be in the *general area* and not be nearer the hole.

The ball may be cleaned before being placed.

### **2. LIFTING AND CLEANING A BALL LYING IN THE ROUGH**

When a player's ball lies anywhere in the *general area* of the course, including the 'rough', the ball may be lifted, cleaned, and replaced without penalty. The player must mark the spot before lifting the ball (under Golf Rule 14.1) and the ball must be replaced on its original spot (under Golf Rule 14.2).

### **3. BUNKER FILLED WITH TEMPORARY WATER**

When any bunker is flooded to the extent that the temporary water interferes with a player's stance or area of intended swing, such that free relief under Golf Rule 16.1c is not sufficient to allow for fair play, the bunker may be deemed as ground under repair (GUR) and free relief taken under Golf Rule 16.1b by dropping the ball in the *relief area*.

To determine the *relief area*, a player should:

- Identify the nearest point of complete relief outside of the bunker, (the reference point) and
- Drop the ball within one club length of the reference point, not nearer the hole

NOTE: A specific bunker may only be designated as GUR if a notice to that effect is displayed near the 1<sup>st</sup> tee or next to the bunker itself.

### **4. AREAS TEMPORARILY DESIGNATED AS ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (GUR)**

Under Heswall Local Rule 4a, the drainage channels crossing the fairways of Holes 12, 13 and 17 are designated until further notice as Abnormal Course Conditions (GUR).

Free relief is permitted under Rule 16.1b by dropping the ball within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief, not nearer the hole.

NOTE: No relief is available if only the player's stance is affected

**5. AREAS TEMPORARILY DESIGNATED AS NO PLAY ZONES (NPZ)**

Under Heswall Local Rule 4g, the following areas are designated as No Play Zones (NPZ):

**(a) The seeded area to the right of the 14<sup>th</sup> green and the planted area behind the 17<sup>th</sup> green**

If a ball lies in one of the areas above, free relief **MUST** be taken under Rule 16.1b or, as an additional option, the player may drop the ball in the designated dropping zone.

The dropping zone is indicated by a post. If using this zone, the ball must be dropped within one club length of this post in any direction.

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**(b) When not in play, the temporary putting greens marked with white lines on each hole**

If a ball lies in one of these areas, free relief **MUST** be taken under Rule 16.1b by dropping the ball within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief, not nearer the hole.

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**(c) The treated areas marked by white lines surrounding the following greenside bunkers:**

Hole 1	Greenside RIGHT	Hole 11	Greenside LEFT	
Hole 2	Greenside LEFT and RIGHT	Hole 12	Greenside LEFT and RIGHT	
Hole 3	Greenside LEFT	Hole 15	Greenside LEFT and RIGHT	
Hole 5	Greenside RIGHT	Hole 16	Greenside LEFT and RIGHT	
Hole 6	Greenside RIGHT	Hole 17	Greenside LEFT	
Hole 8	Greenside LEFT	Hole 18	ALL Greenside bunkers	

If a player's ball lies in one of these areas, or interferes with a player's intended swing or stance, the player **MUST** take free relief under Rule 16.1b by dropping the original ball in the appropriate *relief area*.

The appropriate relief area is within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief, but not nearer the hole.