

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

**(Updated Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 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 planted area behind the 17<sup>th</sup> green**

If a ball lies in the area 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) Bunkers which are in the process of being removed (filled in)**

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.

**(d) The following bunkers and their surrounding areas which are undergoing renovation and/or reshaping and/or re-turfing**

Hole 1	Greenside	Hole 13	Greenside
Hole 4	Greenside	Hole 15	Greenside
Hole 10	Greenside	Hole 16	Greenside
Hole 12	Greenside		

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.