

TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES – WINTER 2022-23

(Updated 24th February 2023)

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 1st tee or next to the bunker itself.

4. 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 17th 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.

(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.

5. LIFT AND PLACE IN DESIGNATED MARKED AREAS OF FAIRWAYS

When a ball comes to rest on an area of the fairway between designated yellow broken lines or yellow posts set at 150 yards and 20 yards from the centre of the green the ball must either...

- a) be lifted and replaced in the **first cut of rough** from where it should be played. If choosing this option, the ball which may be cleaned when lifted, must be placed at a point in the first cut of rough (either side of the fairway) at a point that is not nearer the hole than its original position when it came to rest on the fairway: or
- b) placed on and played from an **Astroturf mat**. If choosing this option the mat must be placed as near as possible to where the ball originally lay on the fairway and the ball is then played from the mat. The ball may be cleaned when lifted from the fairway and placed on the mat.

NOTE: This Temporary Local Rule (TLR 5) does **not** apply:

- On the Par 3 holes at any time; and
- On any hole where a temporary green is in play, as long as a putting stroke is used; and
- On all holes played during competitions designated qualifying for handicap purposes

Rules footnote - ref clarification for Playing from a Red Penalty area

As allowed for by rule 17.1b a player may choose to play their shot (without penalty) from inside any area of the course designated as a Red Penalty area. However, they are not entitled to Lift, Clean & Place or Replace their ball under such circumstances (ie TLR 2 does not apply). The ball must be played ***as it lies***.