

B4 - DROPPING ZONE PROCEDURES

- a) The player does not have to stand in the dropping zone when dropping the ball.
- b) When a player is using a dropping zone, the relief area is defined by that dropping zone and the ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the dropping zone (see Rule 14.3).
- c) If the dropping zone is defined by a line on the ground, the line is inside the dropping zone.

B5 - INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE

The following are integral objects from which free relief is not allowed:

- a) Any bunker liner in their intended position.
- b) Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located within penalty areas.
- c) Wood chipped areas. However, individual woodchips are loose impediments and can be removed.

B6 - IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

Decorative landscape areas (flowerbeds/shrubberies and the like) and everything growing in them, **fully surrounded** by an obstruction. Relief is given under rule 16.1.

Immovable obstructions close to putting green: In addition to the types of interference described in Rule 16.1a, when a ball lies in the general area, interference also exists if an immovable obstruction is:

- on the player's line of play, and
- is within two club lengths of the putting green, and
- is within two club lengths of the ball.

The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b. The reference point for relief area is the nearest spot where obstruction no longer exists.

Note Exception - There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

SECTION C - LOCAL RULES

C1 - PROTECTED TREES

A tree defined by a stake or artificial enclosure is deemed to be an immovable obstruction. Relief **MUST** be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1b. However note the exceptions in Rules 16.1a (2) and (3).

C2 - NO PLACING (PREFERRED LIES)

Unless permitted on the day by the TD or CGO. When permitted, if a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area. The ball **SHOULD** be marked before lifting and may be cleaned.

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: one club-length.

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
- Must be in the general area.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for placing a ball under Rules 14.2b (2) and 14.2e.

Note: When a ball is to be lifted and replaced on its original spot, it **MUST** be marked before being lifted. eg identifying a ball, checking a damaged ball, seeing if it is embedded.

C3 - OTHER

Any local rules as determined by the Tournament Director, in consultation with either a CGO or a Referee.

CANTERBURY GOLF HARD CARD

EFFECTIVE FROM 5 JUNE 2025

The following conditions and Local Rules apply to all Canterbury Golf approved tournaments when this Hard Card is in the Conditions of Competition. Where there is a conflict between a Club's local rules and those on this Hard Card, this Hard Card shall prevail.



SECTION A - CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The full conditions are on the Canterbury Golf (CGI) website. The following are the most important conditions for players and team officials to be aware of.

A1 - STARTING TIME (Rule 5.3)

Starting times: All players must arrive at the allocated teeing area, and be ready to play, by the starting time. Lateness will be penalised according to Rule 5.3.

A2 - PACE OF PLAY (Rule 5.6a & 5.6b)

You must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between two holes. The following are the penalty structures, in sequence for players who receive bad times while being timed ("on the clock"):

1st bad time exceeding the allotted time – **Warning**

2nd bad time – **One Stroke Penalty**

3rd bad time – **General Penalty**

4th bad time – **Disqualification**

Please refer to the Canterbury Golf Pace of Play Policy for full details.

A3 - ADVICE GIVER (Rule 24.4)

Each team may appoint one person who may give advice to members of that team. The advice giver must be identified to the Tournament Director (TD) before any player on the team begins his or her round. If a team's advice giver is a player in the team, he or she is not allowed to act in that role while playing in the round.

A4 - DISPUTES COMMITTEE

The committee to consider waiving a disqualification penalty shall consist of the Tournament Director (TD) or Canterbury Golf Official (CGO) and a representative from each of CGI and CGRA.

A5 - CODE OF CONDUCT

The Canterbury Golf Code of Conduct (adopted 16 June 2016) applies to all tournaments, interclub, and representative matches run by Canterbury Golf where the Hard Card is in the conditions of play. All players are advised to be aware of the provisions of the Code of Conduct. This can be obtained from the Canterbury Golf website or office.

SECTION B - BOUNDS AND MARGINS

B1 - OUT OF BOUNDS

All ground beyond the line of the inside edge of the boundary fence posts (at ground level) or white markers or lines marking the course boundary. A ball coming to rest on or beyond a public road is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

B2 - PENALTY AREAS

Yellow penalty areas (marked with yellow lines or stakes) give the player two relief options (Rules 17.1d (1) and (2)).

Red penalty areas (marked with red lines or stakes) give the player an extra lateral relief option (Rule 17.1d (3)) in addition to the two relief options available for yellow penalty areas.

When the edge of a penalty area is not clearly marked, it is defined by where the ground slopes down to form the depression. In the case of ditches, it is the edge of the ditch.