

# HILTON COURSE – LOCAL RULES

## March 2024

- 1 COURSE BOUNDARIES** The roadway fence or wall at the first, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth holes; the lateral burn at the first, second and third holes.
- 2 OUT OF BOUNDS** When the whole of the ball lies outside any boundary wall or fence, or in or across the burn at the first, second or third holes, or on the path adjacent to the Clubhouse or Professionals' shop.
- 3 RED PENALTY AREAS** Penalty areas are marked by red stakes. Penalty relief can be taken in accordance with Rule 17.
- 4 UNMARKED DITCHES** Any unmarked ditches are deemed to be Red Penalty areas. The edge of that penalty area is defined by its natural boundaries (that is, where the ground slopes down to form the depression that can hold the water).
- 5 GRAVEL AREAS** If the ball lies in a gravel-filled ditch or on a gravel-covered path or bridge, and is not in a penalty area, then free relief can be taken in accordance with rule 16.1
- 6 IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** The stone bridge at the first, all other bridges (if the ball is not in a penalty area), all seats, notice boards, shelters, water hydrants, pop-up sprinklers, bells, flagpoles and exposed boulders are deemed immovable obstructions from which relief is afforded under Rule 16.1. In the case of pop-up sprinklers, rule 16.1 is extended to include relief without penalty, where the sprinkler intervenes between the ball and the hole in the following circumstances:
  - a) If the ball is on the putting green it may be lifted, cleaned and placed not nearer the hole, at the nearest point at which intervention by the obstruction is avoided.
  - b) If the ball is off the putting green (but not in a hazard) and is within two club lengths of the intervening obstruction it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped not nearer the hole at the nearest point at which intervention by the obstruction is avoided.
- 7 PATHS** A ball coming to rest on a made-up path or in shrubs around practice putting greens may be lifted and dropped in accordance with rule 14.3.
- 8 STONES IN BUNKERS** Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions. Rule 15.2 applies.
- 9 PUTTING GREENS** The practice putting greens may be used prior to a stroke competition. During play a ball coming to rest on a practice putting green obtains relief under Rule 13.
- 10 AREAS AFFECTED BY TREE REMOVAL WORK** Any ground which has been damaged by the tree removal work should be treated as Ground Under Repair and relief taken, without penalty, in accordance with Rule 16.1.
- 11 FELLED TREES AWAITING REMOVAL** These should be treated as Ground Under Repair and relief taken, without penalty, in accordance with Rule 16.1
- 12 TRACTOR TYRE MARKS:** Are Ground Under Repair and relief can be taken, without penalty, in accordance with Rule 16.1.
- 13 PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES** Protection of young trees identified by a tag or a staked tree. If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or area of the player's intended swing, the ball must be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in 16.1.  
**Exception:** A player may not obtain relief under this Local Rule if (a) interference by anything other than such a tree makes the stroke clearly impracticable or (b) interference by such a tree would occur only through the use of a clearly unreasonable stroke or an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing or direction of play.
- 14 TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES** See Notice Boards throughout the Clubhouse or see Website.

**PLEASE NOTE: YARDAGE MARKERS ARE TO THE FRONT OF THE GREEN**