

THE LOW LAITHES GOLF CLUB LIMITED

LOCAL RULES

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 27-1)

1.1 A ball is out of bounds if it comes to rest:-

- a) beyond any wall, hedge or fence defining the boundary of the course
- b) beyond the white line and stakes to the left of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd holes
- c) beyond the white stakes around the greenkeepers compound between the 7th green and 8th tee.
- d) beyond the white stakes to the right of the 9th hole only when playing that hole.
- e) beyond the white stakes to the right of the 11th hole.
- f) beyond the white stakes to the right of the 17th hole only when playing that hole. The out of bounds extends to the southern boundary of the course taking a line from the last white stake on the right of the 17th hole through the white stake on the opposite side of the 16th fairway.
- g) beyond the white stakes surrounding the car parks, clubhouse, patio and practice putting green.

1.2 The white stakes identifying internal out of bounds on the 9th and 17th holes are immovable obstructions when playing any other hole and relief can be taken under rule 24-2. In all other cases white stakes are not obstructions.

2. WATER HAZARDS (Rule 26)

The following are Lateral Water Hazards identified by red posts and/or lines:

- a) the ditch to the right of the second hole,
- b) the first pond on the 2nd hole,
- c) the ditch to the right of the 3rd hole
- d) the ditch and pond to the right of the 16th hole up to the first footbridge.

All other ditches, streams and ponds within the bounds of the course are Water Hazards identified by yellow posts and/or lines.

3. STONES IN BUNKERS (Rule 24-1)

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions

4. FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS

All fixed sprinkler heads are Immovable Obstructions and relief from interference by them may be obtained under Rule 24-2. In addition if a ball lies off a putting green but not in a hazard and such an obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may obtain relief as follows:-

The ball shall be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids such intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when so lifted.

5. GROUND UNDER REPAIR

Play is prohibited from Ground Under Repair which is an area identified by being encircled by white lines or the presence of blue posts.

6. INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE

The following are Integral Parts of the Course:-

a) The protective fence at the 17th Tee. The ball must be played as it lies or relief taken under penalty. Rule 28 (Ball Unplayable).

7. PATHS

7.1 The following paths and tracks are immovable obstructions and relief may be taken under Rule 24-2.

- a) Any path or track surfaced with Astro Turf or similar matting or with plastic honeycomb matting.
- b) Any path or track bounded by wooden kerbs. The wooden kerb and any wooden sleeper across the path or track defines the area of the obstruction and forms part of the obstruction. Worn areas at the end of paths are not part of the obstruction.
- c) The track from the main car park across the 10th, 9th and 13th holes until the inset wooden sleeper by the exit from the 7th hole.

7.2 All other paths and tracks are integral parts of the course and the ball must be played as it lies or relief taken under penalty (Rule 28).

8. MEASURING DEVICES

For all play at this course a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance measuring device. If, during a stipulated round a player uses a distance measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed etc.), the player is in breach of rule 14-3.

9. ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON A PUTTING GREEN

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced."

10. PENALTY CLAUSE

Penalty for breach of those local rules not covered by the Rule of Golf:- Matchplay: Loss of Hole
Strokeplay: Two strokes.

11. TROLLEYS and BUGGIES - TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

These rules apply throughout the year and not just during the winter period.

When Winter Rules are in operation the club hope as many members as possible will carry their clubs.

These rules are made to address Health & Safety standards and to limit damage during adverse weather conditions.

GREEN BOARD

Players may use buggies and trolleys 'through the green' but should avoid edges of greens & bunkers, areas marked GUR and taped off areas. Players should also utilise the paths whenever possible.

AMBER BOARD

Trolleys must be fitted with hedgehog or winter wheels and may be used 'through the green' following the instructions given under the GREEN board. Buggies should follow the instructions given under the GREEN board.

RED BOARD

Trolleys fitted with hedgehog or winter wheels may be used 'through the green' following the instructions given under the GREEN board. Buggies are only allowed on holes 1 to 10 but must follow the indicated route. This rule is subject to daily conditions.

BLACK BOARD

This will apply during periods of prolonged or extreme weather when the use of buggies becomes a safety risk. All buggies, including single seater ride-on-buggies, are NOT allowed. Trolleys with hedgehog or winter wheels may be used 'through the green' following the instructions given under the GREEN board.

TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES

These are brought into use at appropriate times by a notice on the relevant board.

13. TEMPORARY GREENS

When not in play Temporary Greens surrounded by a white continuous line are to be regarded as an area of Ground Under Repair. If a player's ball lies in the area or if it interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the Player must take relief under Rule 25-1. When Temporary greens are in play the ordinary green must be treated as a Wrong Putting Green and relief taken under Rule 25-3 without penalty.

14. EMBEDDED BALL

"Through the green" a ball that is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground, other than sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

15. TYRE MARKS

Deep ruts through the green caused by greenkeepers vehicles are ground under repair and Rule 25-1 applies.

16. PREFERRED LIES

16.1 When preferred lies are posted on the board, a ball lying on a closely-mown area through the green may be lifted, without penalty, and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within 6 inches of where the original ball lay and not nearer the hole, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green. If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke. NOTE "*Closely-mown area*" means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

16.2 PREFERRED LIES THROUGH THE GREEN - when Preferred Lies Through the Green are posted on the board, players may in addition to the above, lift clean and place a ball in areas which are not closely mown and which are not in a hazard. The ball must be placed not nearer the hole and as close as possible to where the ball originally lay.

17. WINTER RULES

When they are in operation, the winter rules are as follows:

A. When playing a ball from a closely mown area, players MUST use an approved mat, which can be obtained from the professionals shop. (This does not apply when using a putter).

B. The mat MUST NOT be adapted in any way and when used the following rules apply:

- It should be placed at the side of where the ball lies.
- It should be placed long ways towards the target.
- It may be secured by a tee peg.
- It must be flat with the turf.
- Either side of the mat may be used.

C. When a ball rests in an area that is not closely mown, ie in an area of rough, a player may pick and clean his ball after first marking the ball's position. The player must then replace the ball within 6 inches of where the ball