

# CAMBRIDGE MERIDIAN GOLF CLUB

## LOCAL RULES

### 1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 2-1)

- (a) Beyond the boundaries of the course marked with fences, hedges or white stakes;
- (b) To the left of the white posts when playing the 12th hole;
- (c) To the right of the white posts when playing the 9th hole;
- (d) The practice ground, marked by white posts.

### 2. 9TH HOLE

The ball in play must fully cross the water hazard of the Bourn Brook at least twice with separate shots during the playing of this hole.

### 3. PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17)

Ordinary penalty areas are denoted by yellow stakes or lines. Lateral penalty areas are denoted by red stakes or lines. Unless defined by lines or stakes, the margin of the penalty area is the edge of the water.

### 4. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

Immovable obstructions include:

- Red and Yellow stakes denoting penalty areas when the ball lies outside the margin of the penalty area
- Artificially surfaced paths and bridges when the ball lies outside the margin of the penalty area
- Ropes and supporting posts

Rule 16.1 applies.

### 5. PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES

Where a staked, tubed or netted tree or bush interferes with a player's stance or the area of the intended swing the ball must be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with the procedure under Rule 16.1f. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

### 6. GROUND UNDER REPAIR (Rule 16.1)

Play is prohibited within areas demarcated as G.U.R. If a player's ball lies in the area, or it interferes with the player's stance or the area of the swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1b.

### 7. PROVISIONAL BALL FOR BALL IN A PENALTY AREA

If a player does not know whether his or her ball is in a penalty area, the player may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3, which is modified in this way:

In playing the provisional ball, the player may use the stroke-and-distance relief option (see Rule 17.1d(1)), the back-on-the-line relief option (see Rule 17.1d(2)) or, if it is a red penalty area, the lateral relief option (see Rule 17.1d(3)).

Once the player has played a provisional ball under this Rule, he or she may not use any further options under Rule 17.1 in relation to the original ball.

In deciding when that provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play or if it must or may be abandoned, Rule 18.3c(2) and 18.3c(3) apply except that:

When original Ball Is found in penalty area within the three-minute search Time.

The player may choose either to:

Continue to play the original ball as it lies in the penalty area, in which case the provisional ball must not be played. All strokes with that provisional ball before it was abandoned (including strokes made and any penalty strokes solely from playing that ball) do not count, or continue to play the provisional ball in which case the original ball must not be played.

When original Ball Is not found within the three-minute search time or is known or virtually certain to be in Penalty Area, the provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play.

## **8. ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE FOR LOST BALL OR BALL OUT OF BOUNDS**

### **THIS LOCAL RULE (8) DOES NOT APPLY WHEN PLAYING IN A QUALIFYING COMPETITION OR FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SCORES**

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.

For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

(a). Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have:

Come to rest on the course, or

Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.

(b). Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between:

A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and

A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line).

But with these limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

Must be in the general area, and

Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played.

This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

But the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or

The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3).

A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

## 9. WINTER RULES – PREFERRED LIES

Winter Rules are in operation (1 November-31 March, unless varied by the Club).

"When 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:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: one scorecard length or 6 inches from the reference point, **but** with these limits:
- 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 replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

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, a penalty of one stroke is incurred.

## 10. MEASURING DEVICES

For each and every Competition a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect their play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 4.3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

## 11. TEMPORARY RULES

These may be introduced from time to time and will be publicised separately.

### **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:**

Match Play – Loss of hole;  
Stroke Play – Two strokes.

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