

PORTARLINGTON GOLF CLUB

LOCAL RULES 2023

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To be read in conjunction with the "Rules of Golf Effective January 2023" and any local rules as displayed on notice board.

OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18):

- All ground beyond boundary fences.
- The area to the right-hand side of the 10th hole defined by white pegs with black tops and white dots from the large buggy shed down to the water pipe on the boundary fence adjacent to the practice chipping green.

PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17):

- **Red Penalty Areas** are defined by red stakes and/or lines.
- **Yellow Penalty Areas** are defined by yellow stakes and/or lines.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 16):

- **All Stakes, Hazard Markers, Pegs & Ropes.**
- **Clubhouse & Worksheds:** If a ball lies in the area bounded by blue stakes a player **MUST** take relief.
- **Hoses & Sprinkler Heads:** If a sprinkler head interferes with the LINE OF PLAY for a ball which is within two club lengths of a green being played and NOT in a hazard, relief may be taken by dropping the ball at the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole without penalty.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: (Rule 16):

- **Wheel Marks** of a tractor, mower or motor vehicle in the "general area"
- **All Garden Beds with White Stakes and/or Lines** are compulsory **G.U.R.**
- All Other Garden Beds & Mulched Areas are integral parts of the course

TREES AND SHRUBS: (Rule 16.1b)

If a staked tree or shrub interferes with a player's stance or intended swing, the ball **MUST BE LIFTED** and dropped.

WIRE HOOPS are **MOVABLE** obstructions.

LOST BALL OR BALL OUT OF BOUNDS: The 2019 Modern Local Rule for Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds is in effect. This applies as follows:

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.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES:

Match Play – Loss of Hole

Stroke Play – Two Strokes