

TEWKESBURY PARK GOLF CLUB
LOCAL RULES
(Updated 23 January 2016)

1. Out of Bounds Rule 27

- 1.a. Beyond fences, hedges and walls forming boundary of course.
- 1.b. On or over the road alongside the 7th green, and 8th and 9th fairways.
- 1.c. The areas of soil and wood chippings making up the flowerbeds and bushes on the side of the road alongside the 8th and 9th fairways.
- 1.d. Beyond white posts left of 7th green, right of 9th green, right of 11th and 12th fairways and left of 18th fairway and green.
- 1.e. The house and garden to the left of the 15th fairway and 16th hole. Under no circumstances can player enter this garden to retrieve a ball and any attempt to do so will be considered to be a serious breach of Club rules.
- 1.f. The area of shrubbery between the 16th and 18th greens as marked by white posts and a line.

2. Water Hazards Rule 26

- 2.a. The drainage ditch to rear of 3rd green, pond left of 8th fairway, ditch to the left of 11th green and part of pond left of 12th fairway are lateral water hazards (defined by red posts)
- 2.b. The pond in copse left of 1st fairway, pond at 5th, ditch across the 6th fairway, drainage ditches left of 12th and part of pond on left of 12th fairway are water (defined by yellow posts)
- 2.c. Wooden sleepers bridging 6th fairway ditch are part of hazard.

3. Stones in Bunkers Rule 24-1

- 3.a. Stones in bunkers are moveable obstructions and relief may be obtained under Rule 24-1.

4. Ground Under Repair

- 4.a. Areas bounded by white lines and areas prepared as temporary greens are ground under repair: play from within is prohibited.
Players MUST take relief in accordance with Rule 25-1b.

5. Electrical Pylons and Cables

- 5.a. If a ball strikes any overhead cable, telegraph pole, stabilising wire or any other piece of electrical equipment attached to such apparatus, the stroke is cancelled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played.

6. Areas on Course Marked by Stakes & Ropes

- 6.a. Stakes and ropes protecting areas of the course are deemed to be immovable obstructions.

7. Integral Part of the Course

- 7.a. The wall at the back of the 7th green; the brick building on the right of the fairway of the 10th hole; and driving range building to the right of the 10th hole are integral parts of the course.

8. Dropping Zones

- 8.a. The committee has sited dropping zones on the 1st, 3rd, 7th, 12th & 13th holes.
These dropping zones may be used to obtain relief under Rule 28 under penalty of one stroke when it would otherwise not be feasible or practicable to obtain relief.
The zones near each green are marked by a blue stake and a line.

9. Distance Measuring Device

- 9.a. 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 his play (i.e., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

10. Electrified Fence Surrounding a Green

10.a. If a ball in play strikes any part of the electrified fence around a green, the player may replay the stroke without penalty. If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted without penalty.

11. Protection of Young Trees

11.a. Protection of young trees identified by being attached to stakes, If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the ball must be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in rule 24-2b (Immoveable Obstruction). If the ball lies in a water hazard, the player must lift and drop the ball in accordance with Rule 24-2b (i), except that the nearest point of relief must be in the water hazard or the player may proceed under Rule 26. The ball may be cleaned when lifted under the Local Rule.

Exception: A player may not obtain relief under this Local Rule if (a) interference by anything other than such tree makes the stroke clearly impractical or (b) interference by such tree would occur only through use of a clearly unreasonable stroke or an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing or direction of play.

12. Relief from Drainage Ditches

12.a. Through the green, if a player's ball lies on a drainage ditch, or such a position that the ditch interferes with his stance or swing, the player may proceed according to Rule 25-1 Abnormal ground Conditions.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE
MATCH PLAY – LOSS OF HOLE
STROKE PLAY – TWO STROKES

TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES WHEN WINTER RULES APPLY (Normally 1st October - 30th April inclusive)

13. Preferred Lies

13.a. 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/she must place it on a spot within 6 inches of and no nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not a hazard and not on a putting green.

A player may place the ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot where it was placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot it was placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply.

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/she 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.

14. Temporary Greens

14.a. When a temporary green is in play, the regular green is a wrong putting green and relief must be taken under Rule 25-3.

15. Embedded Ball

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

Exceptions:

A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown.

A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

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TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES - INDIVIDUALLY POSTED ON NOTICE BOARD

ONLY WHEN APPROPRIATE

16. Aeration Holes in Putting Green

16.a. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

17. Aeration Holes through the Green

17.a. Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

18. Diseased Patches on the Putting Green

18.a. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on a diseased patch may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

19. Cracks In Ground on Closely - Mown Areas – Rule 25-1

19.a. Cracks in the ground on closely-mown areas are ground under repair. If a player's ball lies in such a condition, or if such a condition interferes with the area of the player's intended swing, the player may take relief under Rule 25-1.

Note: Relief is not available for interference to a player's stance by such condition. Closely-mown area means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

20. Bare Patches in Closely - Mown Areas

20.a. Bare patches of ground on a closely mown area are to be treated as Ground Under Repair-Play Prohibited. If a player's ball lies in such a condition or such a condition interferes with a player's intended area of swing, the player should proceed according to Rule 25-1 Abnormal Ground Conditions.

Note: Relief is not available for interference to a player's stance by such conditions. Closely-mown area means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

21. Cleaning Ball - Mud Ball

Conditions, such as extreme wetness causing significant amounts of mud to adhere to the ball, may be such that permission to lift, clean and replace the ball would be appropriate. In these circumstances, the following Local Rule applies.

21.a. Through the green a ball may be marked, lifted, cleaned & replaced without penalty. Replaced" means on the exact spot as it originally lay.

Note: The position of the ball must be marked before it is lifted under this local rule – see Rule 20-1

22. Old Hole Plugs on the Greens

Areas of bare earth within old hole plugs on the greens are deemed to be Ground Under Repair.

22.a. When a player's ball lies on a putting green, if such an area of bare earth interferes with the intended line of play to the hole, the player is entitled to relief under Rule 25-1b (iii).

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