



Royal Lytham & St Annes Golf Club

Local Rules

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18.2)

- Beyond any wall or fence marking the boundary of the course. The boundary of the course to the right of the 8th hole is defined by the outermost fence where there are two fences in existence.
- On or beyond the white line in front of the practice putting green.
- The Clubhouse and Professional's Shop.

Note: Fences abutting the public footpath crossing the 8th and 11th holes are not boundary fences. Along with the innermost fence to the right of the 8th hole they are deemed Abnormal Ground Conditions (including Immovable Obstructions) from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

2. ROADS AND PATHS (Rule 16.1a)

All artificially surfaced paths on the course are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1 (This is adapted from Model Local Rule F-17).

3. PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17)

All ditches on the course are Penalty Areas indicated by red stakes.

4. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

The Flag Pole and Stays to the right of the 18th hole are immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

5. WRONG GREEN (Rule 13.1f)

Any Green on the Short Course, the green turf nursery and the Practice Chipping Green to the right of the 18th hole are Wrong Greens.

6. ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITION (Rule 16.1)

Any area bounded by a white line is Ground Under Repair from which play is prohibited. If a player's ball lies in the area, or if it interferes with the player's stance or the area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.

7. BUNKER FACES (Rule 16.3)

Rule 16.3 is modified in this way: No free relief is allowed for a ball embedded in the stacked turf face above a bunker.

8. FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS (Rule 16.1b)

Fixed Sprinkler Heads close to the putting green. The model Local Rule F-5 in the Rules of Golf is in effect. (Model Rule F-5) Relief from an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play: Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:

On the line of play, and is:

Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and

Within two club-lengths of the ball.

Exception – No relief if line of play is clearly unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

9. SAND WASTE AREAS

The Sand Waste Areas located at the front of the 8th tee, to the left of the 7th green (11th carry), in between holes 12 and 13, short right of the 13th green, to the right side of the 16th (level with the start of the fairway), and to the left of the 15th, 16th and 17th fairways are not bunkers. The identified areas are part of the General Area.

10. SEAMS OF CUT TURF

Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect

"If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing:

(a) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

(b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.

All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.