



FARRINGTON PARK

GOLF

Duchy Course

Local rules

The normal Local Rules of Farrington Park are set out below. From time to time, Special Local Rules and Winter Rules may be published and details of these can be found on Club notice boards.

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18-2)

Beyond any wall, fence, perimeter hedge or white stakes bounding the course including the hedge to the right of 17th and 18th fairways

- Beyond the hedge to the left of the first fairway bordering the road
- On or beyond the road when playing the 6th and behind the 9th and 18th greens.
- To the left of or between the white posts between the 13th and 14th holes when playing the 13th (When playing the 14th hole, the out of bounds posts are deemed as moveable obstructions).
- To the left of or between the white posts to the left of the 16th hole
- Beyond the perimeter hedge to the right of holes 1,2,3,4,& 7 on the 9 hole course.

NOTE: Where there is a fence behind a wall, the wall is the boundary.

2. PENALTY AREAS

- Penalty areas are marked with yellow or red stakes. Lateral relief applies to red staked penalty areas only.

3. GROUND UNDER REPAIR

Relief **must** be taken from Ground Under Repair

- All drainage ditches
- A ball lying on an area marked by closed white lines or blue posts
- Any flower beds within the boundaries of the course.

If any such area interferes with a player's stance or the area of his/her intended swing, the ball may be lifted without penalty and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 16-1. The ball may be cleaned when so lifted.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS-These include all fixed sprinkler heads, staked trees (including those supported by wires) and all flower and heather beds. All telegraph poles, wires and supports (shots striking them **must** be replayed), the handrails along the 5th hole, all sleepers, all 100/150 markers, the bell on the 13th hole and the two light casings to the right of the 18th green.

Free relief from interference by them may be obtained under rule 24-2. In addition, if such an obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green of the hole being played intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may obtain relief without penalty as follows; if the ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and is within two club-lengths of the intervening obstruction, it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped at the nearest point to the to where the ball lay which a) is not nearer the hole, b) avoids such intervention and c) is not a penalty area or on a putting green.

5. YOUNG TREES

Protection of young trees which are identified by stakes, white tags or individual wire mesh: if such a tree interferes with a player's stance or the area of their intended swing, the ball **must** be lifted in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 16-1(f). The ball may be cleaned when so lifted.

6. DROPPING ZONES

When a ball comes to rest on the path adjacent to the 5th green or against the sleepers to the left of the path or if these interfere with the stance or intended swing, the ball may be either placed in the drop zone at the top of the path or dropped at the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole.

8. AERATION HOLES ON PUTTING GREENS

If a ball comes to rest in or on an aeration hole, it may be lifted without penalty and **placed** at the nearest spot not nearer the hole.

10. ADJACENT GREENS AND TEES

A ball lying on a green or tee of a hole other than the one in play must be dropped without penalty at the nearest point of relief which offers relief not nearer the hole.

11. PATHS AND DRAINS

All roads, paths and drains on the course, even if not artificially-surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

12. TELEGRAPH POLES AND WIRES

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line or tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line during the play of specify hole number, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (Rule 14.6).

13. BIRD DROPPINGS

Due to swans, geese and ducks on the course, if a player's ball comes to rest on or stance is interfered by bird droppings, a free drop may be taken under rule 16-1.

14. ALTERNATIVE HOLES ON A GREEN

During winter play alternative holes for frost conditions may be present. If a player's ball comes to rest within an alternative hole or when on the putting green the alternative hole is in the intended line of play to the hole in play, a player may place the ball at the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole.

15. DRAINAGE HOLES ON THE BACK OF THE 4TH GREEN

If a player's ball comes to rest within a drainage hole on the 4th green or when on the putting green the drainage hole is in the intended line of play to the hole in play, a player may place the ball at the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole.

17. WINTER RULES

Under normal weather conditions, preferred lies will be in operation between 1st October and 30th April. (See details on Winter Rules)

18. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS

A player may take relief when his or her ball is within a deep rut made by a tractor. Interference with a player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under this rule.

In the general area only, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark 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 within the general area.

Cracks in the ground in parts of the general area cut to fairway height or less are ground under repair. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. But interference does not exist if the crack only interferes with the player's stance.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES:

LOSS OF HOLE IN MATCHPLAY

TWO STROKES IN STROKEPLAY

APPENDIX: no relief from seeded divots

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