



Local Rules

Pea Gravel Areas:

The pea gravel areas between fairways where the grass has not grown in, are being played as Ground Under Repair (GUR), also called Abnormal Ground Conditions according to Rule 25-1.

Interference by the Abnormal Ground Condition (pea gravel) with the players **stance** is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under this rule.

The nearest point of relief will be deemed to be any surface through the green, no closer to the hole, where the ball can rest without touching the Abnormal Ground Condition (pea gravel).

*Note: The relief under this local rule is for the lie of the **ball only, not stance**. The intention is that the player drops the golf ball on a grass or dirt area **close** to where the ball originally came to rest, without taking it back to their respective fairway.*

Ant Hills:

Ant hills will be deemed to be an “Abnormal Ground Condition” as defined by Rule 25-1

Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green:

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player’s ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player’s ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player’s ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

Stones in Bunkers:

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

Winter Rules:

A player is entitled to prefer the lie of the ball when the ball lies on a closely-mown area through the green on the hole being played. A “closely-mown area” is any area of the course that is cut to fairway height or less and includes paths cut through the rough and the fringe/apron around the green. If the ball does not lie on a closely-mown area, e.g. the rough, the player cannot take a preferred lie under this Local Rule.

Distance-Measuring Devices:

For all play at P.G.G.C.C., a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

Mounds on Golf Course:

All mounds are now in play unless otherwise marked, play ball as it lies. Be aware that there might be unseen rocks, sticks or roots that may come into play. (These areas are far from the center of the fairway and are where trees used to be)

Newly Planted Trees:

The club would like to protect newly planted trees. Please take free relief for swing and stance if you are close to any newly planted tree that is two club lengths in height or shorter. Many of these trees are also marked with blue stakes and/or blue ribbon.

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