

FHGC Local Rules 2019 – Abbreviated Version.

LOCAL RULES Please check the **Local Rules Board** for **Temporary Local Rules**. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty (stroke play – two strokes, match play – loss of hole)

DISTANCE MARKERS: Blue stakes (150m) and sprinkler head markers indicate the distance to the centre of the green being played.

7th HOLE – DROP ZONE: The general area between the 7th southern tee block and the red tee block is a no play zone, and relief **MUST** be taken by dropping a ball in the drop zone comprising the closely mown area of the red tee block, without penalty. If the player's ball lies in the penalty area, relief may be taken under rule 17.1 or from the drop zone, for a penalty of 1 stroke.

7TH HOLE – PROVISIONAL BALL: If there is doubt whether a ball is in, or playable in the penalty area, the player may play another ball provisionally under Rule 17-1d or the above drop zone. If the original ball is found outside the penalty area it is in play. If the original ball is found in the penalty area the player may play it as it lies or continue with the provisional ball. If the original ball is not found or identified within the three minute search period, the player must continue with the provisional ball.

16TH HOLE NO PLAY ZONE: The area to the left-hand side of the 16th fairway, marked by white stakes with black tops, is Out Of Bounds and a No Play Zone. If the ball is on the course and anything in the no play zone interferes with the players intended stance or swing, free relief **MUST** be taken under rule 16.1f(2).

BALL DEFLECTED BY POWER LINES: A ball hitting overhead power lines or supporting structures **MUST** be replayed without penalty.

PROTECTIVE SCREEN: During play of the 15th hole, if the protective fence adjacent to the 18th tee is on a player's line of play, the player may take free relief by dropping a ball in the dropping zone defined with orange bricks, provided the ball is nearer to the hole than the dropping zone (see Rule 14.3).

ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE: The Model Local Rule for Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds is in effect. For full details, diagrams, and video, go to the webpage www.golf.org.au/LR-oob-lostball and the full local rule.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: All hoses and sprinklers on the course, and spray there-from are treated as immovable obstructions. All roads and paths on the course including tracks worn by maintenance vehicles, even if not artificially-surfaced, are immovable obstructions (rule 16.1).

If an immovable obstruction within two club-lengths of the green is on the line of play from a ball in the general area that is within two club-lengths of the obstruction, relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b, unless the line of play is clearly unreasonable.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Ground under repair is marked by white paint or white stakes and includes, whether marked or not, greenkeepers shed area, deep furrows from water damage in bunkers or residential water runoff in the general area, deep wheel ruts, root pruning grooves, exposed tree roots or rocks on or within four club-lengths of areas cut to fairway height or less. A fallen tree branch may be treated as GUR or a loose impediment.

Staked trees and staked shrubs are no play zones and are ground under repair - relief **MUST** be taken under rule 16.1f (general area) or rule 17.1e if the ball is in a penalty area.

Garden beds adjoining tee blocks and the practice green, and bunkers marked with a single white stake, are GUR and are No Play Zones, relief **MUST** be taken under rule 16.1b.

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY: A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged note of the siren. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive notes of the siren. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short notes of siren. See Rule 5.7b.

A more detailed version of the local rules is available on the club website under Golf/Local Rules, and on club noticeboards.