

BETCHWORTH PARK GOLF CLUB

LOCAL RULES - 2010

1. Out of Bounds

Beyond any boundary fences or white marker posts bounding the course
2nd Green: Beyond the hedge bordering the car park at the rear of the 2nd green.
6th and 10th Holes: On or beyond the Coach Road to the left of the 6th and 10th holes.
9th and 11th Hole: On or beyond the Limes Avenue to the right of the 9th and right of the 11th holes.
12th Hole: On or beyond the tarmac/concrete road to the left of the 12th hole.
12th Green: Beyond the rear of the 12th green.
16th Hole: Left of the 16th hole in or over the river.
18th Hole: On or beyond the Coach Road to the right of the 18th hole.
The Club car park and practice ground.

2. Protection of Young Trees – staked, tapped or with support wire

If such a tree interferes with the player's stance or the area of intended swing, the ball MUST be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b(i) (Immovable Obstruction). The ball may be cleaned when so lifted.

3. Obstructions (Rule 24)

- a. Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions. Rule 24.1
- b. The shelters at the back of the 7th green and adjacent to the 15th tee are immovable obstructions. Relief may be taken in accordance with Rule 24-2b (i) except that a player may not obtain relief if (a) it is clearly unreasonable for him to play a stroke because of interference by anything other than the immovable obstruction or (b) interference by an immovable obstruction would occur only through use of an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing or direction of play.
- c. The wooden sleepers around the 10th tee are immovable obstructions.

4. Water Hazards (Rule 26)

All ponds and ditches are water hazards whether or not they contain water. Water hazards are indicated by yellow stakes or lines. Lateral water hazards are indicated by red stakes or lines.

A player whose ball enters the water hazard at the rear of the 5th green should proceed under Rule 26-1. If relief under 26-1b is not possible the player may, under a one-stroke penalty, drop a ball in the dropping zone nearest to where his ball originally lay or is deemed to lie (even if the nearest dropping zone may be nearer the hole)

5. Watering System and Drain Covers (Rule 24-2)

All sprinkler heads, control covers, etc. are immovable obstructions and relief from interference may be obtained under Rule 24-2. In addition, if such an obstruction on or within two club lengths of the putting green 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 green but not in a hazard and it is within two club lengths of the intervening obstruction, it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which is (a) not nearer the hole (b) avoids such interference and (c) is not in a hazard or on the putting green.

6. Paths

If a player's ball lies on any path that is edged then the player may take relief without penalty under Rule 24-2 (Immovable Obstruction)). The ball may be cleaned and lifted under this Rule. The player must determine the nearest point of relief.

Temporary relief from the following path: The 3rd to 4th Tee is also covered under Rule 24-2.

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