

NELSON BAY GOLF CLUB

LOCAL RULES – as from 28th October 2019

To be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf 2019.

1. Red *penalty areas* are defined by red stakes or red painted lines. All red stakes are *Immovable Obstructions*. The player may take relief using one of the options under rule 17.1d. If a ball is in the *penalty area* adjacent to the 18th green the player may, as an extra option, drop and play a ball on the mat in the *relief area*.
2. Trees and shrubs marked by stakes or plastic guards are *no play zones and are ground under repair*. When such trees interfere with the players stance or swing, the player must take free relief under rule 16.1f.
3. If a player's ball hits a power line or poles, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball from where the previous stroke was made without penalty under rule 14.6.
4. A ball is *out of bounds* when it is beyond any boundary wall, fence or the inside points, at ground level, of any line of white stakes with black tops and kerbs painted with white/black squares.
5. Cart signs and painted posts representing 150/100 metre distance from centre of the green are *immovable obstructions*. A player may take free relief under rule 16.1b.
6. The greenkeeper's area between the 3rd and 4th fairways, marked by red stakes with white tops, is a *no play zone penalty area*. A player must take relief under rule 17.1d. Other areas marked by white posts or lines or GUR are *no play zones* and free relief must be taken under rule 16.1f.
7. If a player's ball lies in close proximity to a kangaroo or wallaby, a player must take free relief under rule 16.2b.
8. Where fixed sprinkler heads are on the *line of play* that are within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball a player may take free relief under rule 16.1b. (Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.)
9. If a player's ball is in the *general area* and there is interference from exposed tree roots that are in a part of the *general area* cut to fairway height or less or within 4 *club lengths* of the edge of the ground cut to fairway height, the tree roots are treated as *GUR* and a player may take free relief under rule 16.1b. But interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance.
10. All stakes, pegs, ropes and hoops, except those defining Out of Bounds and Penalty areas are *Moveable Obstructions*. Proceed under rule 15 and replace the obstruction in its original position unless it is a *loose impediment*.
11. All woodchip, mulch areas and gardens are *integral objects*, ie no relief.
12. All artificially surfaced paths & roads are *abnormal course conditions*.
13. All *scorecards* must at least show the written score for each hole & must be entered via the autoscore scanner; in the event of a discrepancy between the written score and the autoscore box, the higher stroke score will count.
14. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule is the *General Penalty* (stroke play – 2 strokes, match play – loss of hole).

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The following Temporary Local Rules are to be read in conjunction with the LOCAL RULES as printed on the back of score cards.

1. Areas in bunkers where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand may be treated as GUR. Proceed under Rule 16.1c.
2. If **preferred lies** are indicated on the blackboard outside the Pro Shop, they may be taken in accordance with the following procedure: the ball's position must first be marked, then the ball may be lifted, cleaned and placed within 30 cm of the ball's original position, no nearer the hole but only if your ball is on your own fairway or on areas cut to fairway height. This action must also comply with Rules 14.2b and 14.2e.
3. Animal prints in bunkers may be treated as GUR. Proceed under Rule 16.1c.
4. For kangaroo and wallaby prints on greens please proceed under Rule 16.1d.
5. Bare patches on greens and areas that are cut to fairway height or less, such as green surrounds, may be treated as GUR. Please proceed under Rule 16.1d for greens and under 16.1b elsewhere. This does not include divots or sand-filled divots.
6. The RH edge of the practice fairway is marked by white stakes with red tops set along the drip line of the trees separating the practice area from the first fairway thereby designating the practice fairway as a No Play Zone (NPZ) not a Penalty Area. If you and your playing partner reasonably believe that your ball has crossed into this NPZ, free relief **MUST** be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1b adjacent to the nearest white, red topped, stake to where your ball actually is or is likely to have crossed the margin of the NPZ. Your original ball or another ball may be used without penalty.
7. Through the General Area, where tree roots have been excavated, free relief under Rule 16 may be taken where the lie of the ball is affected by the disturbed ground.
8. The mat referred to in Local Rule 1 has been replaced by two Drop Zones, one nearby in the short rough on the LHS of the path and another at the other end of the pond Penalty Area. Please use the one nearest to where your ball has crossed the margin of the Penalty Area.
9. The club's **Code of Conduct** applies to all players.

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OUR CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE GOLF COURSE
REFER TO RULE 1.2b

**Under the authority of the
MATCH COMMITTEE**

1. Failure to take care of the course, for example not raking bunkers, abusive use of clubs, not filling divots or not replacing them and repeatedly not repairing pitch marks on the greens are all unacceptable behaviour.
2. Damaging the top edge of holes by not taking care when retrieving a ball is unacceptable.
3. Repeatedly using foul or offensive language around the course is unacceptable.
4. Ready Golf is considered the preferred approach here.
5. Persistent slow play is unacceptable. Four and a half hours is considered reasonable for 4 ball round of golf.
6. Altering the set-up of the course by moving tee markers or boundary stakes for example, is unacceptable.
7. Throwing a club towards another player or spectator is unacceptable.
8. All players must comply with any reasonable direction of a Match Committee member or staff.
9. Reports of breaches of the above and penalties imposed by the player's marker must be made in writing to the Match Committee so that follow up action can be taken.

Consequences

- 1st breach – a warning, later confirmed by the Match Committee
- 2nd breach – one stroke penalty
- 3rd breach – general penalty (2 strokes)
- 4th breach – disqualification.

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