

Priors Hall Golf Club

Local Rules

1. PREFERRED LIES

Placing will only be in operation if stated on the competition book.

When Winter Rules are in operation a ball lying on a closely mown area, through the green, will be marked, lifted, cleaned and placed within six inches of where it originally lay, not nearer the hole, without penalty.

A ball plugged in the rough when winter rules are in operation can be marked, cleaned and dropped within one club length without penalty.

2. WATER HAZARDS

The area marked by red stakes on the right hand side of the 1st, 9th, 11th, 12th and 13th fairways are deemed to be Lateral Water Hazards in which rule 26 applies.

The area marked on the left hand side of the 16th and 17th fairways between the red stakes and the boundary fence are deemed to be Lateral Water Hazards in which rule 26 applies

All other areas, marked by yellow stakes, whether water filled or not are deemed to be water hazards in which rule 26 applies.

Hazards areas are deemed to be a direct line from post to post.

3. OUT OF BOUNDS

A ball is out of bounds if it

(a) comes to rest in or beyond the drainage ditches marked by white posts.

(b) is in line with or beyond the white posts in areas where there are no drainage ditches.

(c) On the left of the fairway on the 16th and 17th the ball is deemed to be out of bounds if it is in line with or beyond the boundary fence. The white posts are only to indicate out of bounds.

4. DRAINAGE DITCHES

A ball, lying in a drainage ditch or if the ditch interferes with the area of intended swing, may be lifted, cleaned and dropped within one club length from the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole. (Rule25-1)

Drainage ditches within a hazard are deemed part of the hazard.

5. THE PARLEY BURN

The ditch known as the "Parley Burn" on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th holes is a water hazard and rule 26 will apply. Sleepers are considered an integral part of the water hazard

6. TREES

Where a fenced, staked or white lined tree interferes with a player's stance or the area of the intended swing of the club, the ball must be lifted, cleaned and dropped within one club length from the nearest point of relief without penalty not nearer the hole.

7. AREAS OF RELIEF

A ball lying on a cinder, wood chip, tarmac or any material retaining a path may be lifted, cleaned and dropped one club length from the nearest point of relief without penalty but not nearer the hole. Rule 24.2

A ball lying in a tractor mark may be lifted, cleaned and dropped one club length from the nearest point of relief without penalty but not nearer the hole.

If a player's stance or intended path of the swing is impeded by a wooden shelter (or its remnants), the ball may be lifted, cleaned and dropped one club length from the nearest point of relief without penalty not nearer the hole.

If a player's stance or intended path of the swing is impeded by the sleepers supporting the sixteenth tee, then the ball may be lifted, cleaned and dropped one club length from the nearest point of relief without penalty not nearer the hole.

8. GROUND UNDER REPAIR

The grass mounds between the 6th and 7th and the 10th and 11th holes are to be treated as ground under repair. **The ball may be played from this area.**

9. STONES IN BUNKERS

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions and Rule 24-1 shall apply.

10. ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS (Cross fairway drainage marks)

A ball, lying in a cross fairway drainage mark or if the marks interfere with the area of the intended swing, may be lifted, cleaned and dropped within one club length from the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole. (Rule 25-1)

Drainage ditches within a hazard are deemed part of the hazard.

11. FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS.

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be obtained under Rule 24-2.

In addition, if a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole; (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

Relief under this Local Rule is also available if the player's ball lies on the putting green and an immovable obstruction within two club-lengths of the putting green intervenes on his line of putt. The player may take relief as follows: The ball must be lifted and placed at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

12. A ball coming to rest in a deer hoof mark in a bunker may be lifted and relief taken in accordance with Rule 25-1. Lift and drop the ball, IN THE BUNKER, without penalty, within one club length of the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole.

If complete relief is not available the ball may be dropped, as near as possible to the spot where the ball lay, IN THE BUNKER, at maximum available relief, not nearer the hole.

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