

Carramar Local Rules 2016/17 Season

These local rules apply only to CLUB games at Carramar and are designed to preserve the playing conditions of the course and protect club members from suffering possible personal injury, and are to be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf and the pro-shop notice board.

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27)

The following defines Out of Bounds:

- 1.1. The boundary wire fence.
- 1.2. The limestone wall at the back of the 18th green.
- 1.3. The bitumen road leading to the Green Keepers shed parallel to the 18th fairway.
- 1.4. The Green Keepers shed.

2. Ground Under Repair (GUR)

- 2.1 Those areas, the margins of which are defined by white lines/and/or white stakes, roped off with ribbon, or appropriately signed are to be treated as GUR.
- 2.2 Newly sanded areas, excluding sand filled divots, are to be treated as GUR.
- 2.3. Relief from GUR may be taken as provided in Rule 25.1.b.

3. Staked Trees and Shrubs

If a staked tree or shrub or the stake marking the tree or shrub interferes with a player's stance or the area of intended swing, the ball **must** be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with the procedure in Rule 24.2.b (i).

4. Fixed Sprinkler Heads (without penalty)

All sprinkler heads are Immovable Obstructions and relief from interference by them may be obtained under Rule 24.2. In addition, if such an obstruction is within two club lengths of the putting green of the hole being played and intervenes on the line of play between the ball and hole, the player may obtain relief, without penalty, as follows: If the ball lies off the putting green, but not in a hazard and is within two club lengths of the intervening obstruction, it may be lifted, dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which: - (a) is not nearer the hole (b) avoids such intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

5. Cart Paths (without penalty)

All paved cart paths are Immovable Obstructions and relief may be taken under Rule 24.2. b (i).

6. Bunkers (without penalty)

- 6.1 Loose stones and gum nuts in bunkers may be removed under Rule 24-1.
- 6.2 If a player's ball lies in a washaway in a bunker or the washaway interferes with a player's stance or area of intended swing, the player may take relief under Rule 25-1 b (ii).

7. Kangaroo Marks (without penalty)

- 7.1. If a ball lies in a paw-print, hole or other mark made by a kangaroo, on the closely mown surfaces and the first cut of rough may be considered GUR and relief can be taken within one club length of the nearest point of relief no nearer the hole.
- 7.2. This local rule includes kangaroo marks within a bunker. Rule 25-1.

8. Aeration Holes (without penalty)

When the course has been aerated, the following Local Rule applies:

- 8.1. Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.
- 8.2. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot but not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

9. Relief from Water on Green: (without penalty)

Club members are allowed relief if the 'hole' is entirely covered by water. The club member has two (2) options and once the club member has selected either option they cannot change their determined option:

- 9.1. **Option One** The club member may elect to putt out.
- 9.2. **Option Two** The club member may elect to add two putts to their score and lift the ball out of play.
- 9.3. To be eligible to take either option above the ball must be on the green.

Note: (1) Before taking one of the options allowed under local rules the club member must seek agreement from their marker that the hole is entirely covered by water and then they must make their intention known to the group.
(2) This rule was adopted as club competitions are played over a number of days and the competition is unable to be cancelled by the Match Committee on the day.
(3) Under current R&A rules, if casual water covers portions of the green – not including the hole - a club member is allowed to lift and remove their ball to the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole without penalty.

10. Relief on Damaged Greens (without penalty):

- 10.1. Club members are allowed relief from damaged areas on the putting surface. This damage may have been caused by a club cutting into the green surface, die back and/or vandalism problems to the grass surface.
- 10.2. Club members are allowed to lift and place their ball at the nearest point of relief which provides the club member with a clear line of putt, but no nearer to the hole. Club members may also play the ball as it lies. Club members must seek approval from their marker before lifting. Non-approval means the club member must play the ball as it lies.

Note: Relief under this rule only applies to the putting surface, i.e. if the damaged area of the green extends back onto the fairway or the area surrounding the green then the ball must be played as it lies, or relief taken with corresponding penalty.

11. Relief from Gumnuts around 14th and 17th Greens: (without penalty)

Club members are allowed relief if their ball lies against or above any buried or partially buried gum nut around the 14th and 17th greens. The club member is allowed to lift and place their ball within 6" but no nearer the hole. The club member must seek approval from their marker before lifting the ball.

Note: (1) This rule was adopted to protect other club members from likely injury if the ball is struck and the club 'bounces' off a buried gum nut and sends the ball across the green, or a gum nut is struck and propelled towards club members.
(2) Under current R&A rules, if in a bunker a club member is allowed to lift and remove any object, such as stone or gum nut, which is likely to injury to others before playing his shot, without penalty. This does not extend to other loose objects such as leaves or twigs, etc.

12. Missing Tee Markers:

- 12.1. If any of the Blue, White or Red tee markers are missing on the tee box, the club members tee off within two club lengths of the front of the appropriate teeing area.

12.2. If only one of the Blue, White or Red tee markers are in place club members should 'imagine' a line across the teeing area no nearer the hole and tee off from that spot.

13. Relief from Human Footprint in Bunker (without penalty):

13.1. Players are allowed relief from human footprints (or part human footprints) in any bunker on the course, without penalty. The player may also take the option of playing the ball as it lies.

13.2. To obtain relief the player must seek markers approval. The ball can then be lifted and **placed at nearest point of relief**, but no more than 6" away, and no closer the hole. If the relief area is on a slope and the ball rolls the player will play the ball from its place of rest, regardless of if it is nearer the hole or not. If the ball ends in another footprint, the same procedure takes place.

14. Distance measuring Devices (under Rule 14-3):

14.1. For all play at this course (Carramar) a player may obtain distance information by using a GPS, Laser or Optical measuring device, provided:

- (1) Such use causes no undue delay (Rules of Golf 6.7 applies);
- (2) Such use does not impede, delay or otherwise adversely affect the play of fellow competitors or opponents.

14.2. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure gradient, wind speed or temperature, the penalty is disqualification.

15. Ball accidentally moved

This Rule modifies Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 of the Rules of Golf

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.

16. Temporary Local Rules

As displayed – by the pro-shop - on the course notice board.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

STROKE PLAY – TWO STROKES; MATCH PLAY – LOSS OF HOLE.

The lowest marker is the Captain of each group and is responsible for the speed of play, rules and etiquette.

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