

Carramar Local Rules 2025

These local rules apply only to CLUB games at Carramar and are to be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf and the pro-shop notice board. Typescript in red refers to a Rule of Golf

1. Out of Bounds (Rule18)

The following areas are *out of bounds*:

- a) Outside the boundary wire and paling fences surrounding the course. (The wire fence left of the 3rd hole is not an out of bounds fence and can be treated as an *immovable obstruction*)
- b) Beyond the limestone wall at the back of the 18th green.
- c) Beyond the bitumen road parallel to the 18th fairway leading to the Green Keepers shed.
- d) The Green Keepers yard and shed.

2. Abnormal Course Condition (ACC)

Abnormal Course Conditions are extensively defined in the Rules of Golf but includes any area, the margins of which may or may not be defined by white lines and/or white stakes, roped off with tape, or signposted as ACC.

- a) Newly sanded areas (excluding sand filled divots) are to be treated as ACC.
- b) Relief from ACC and other abnormal ground conditions may be taken as provided in Rule16.

Note: for your own benefit it is highly recommended that you familiarise yourself with the various abnormal ground conditions for which relief is available under the Rules of Golf

3. Staked Trees and Shrubs

Young trees and shrubs supported by or identified by a stake are *no play zones*.

- a) If a player's ball lies anywhere on the *course* other than in a *penalty area* and it lies or touches such a tree or shrub or such a tree or shrub interferes with the player's *stance* or area of intended swing the player must take relief under Rule16.1f
- b) If the ball lies in a *penalty area* and interference to the player's *stance* or area of intended swing exists from such a tree or shrub the player must take relief either with a penalty under Rule 17.1e or with free relief under Rule 17.1e(2)

4. Fixed Sprinkler Heads (without penalty)

All sprinkler heads are *immovable obstructions*. Relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b if an *immovable obstruction* is on the *line of play*, and is:

- a) Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
- b) within two club-lengths of the ball

Note: Rule 16.1b provides for the ball to be dropped not placed

5. Paths (without penalty)

All paved paths (including compacted limestone paths) are *immovable obstructions* and relief may be taken under Rule 16.1

6. Bunkers (without penalty)

6.1 Subject to the following conditions a ball lying in a human footprint or a kangaroo paw-print mark or hole in a bunker may be lifted and **placed** at the **nearest point of relief**, but no more than 15cm away from where it lay and no closer to the hole, provided

- a) The player's marker confirms that the ball is in fact lying in a human footprint or a kangaroo paw-print mark or hole
- b) If it is not so confirmed the ball must be played as it lies.
- c) A ball lifted under this rule may **not** be cleaned before being replaced

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 16.1c**.

7. Relief from Divot (without penalty)

Subject to the following conditions, a ball coming to rest in a divot mark in a part of the *general area* that is cut to fairway height or less may without penalty, be lifted and placed within 15 cm of where it lay but not nearer the hole provided :-

- a) The player's marker confirms that the mark is a divot mark being a hole, mark or cut caused by a golf club and which causes the ball or any part of the ball to lie below the surface of the surrounding area.
- b) If it is not confirmed that the mark is a divot mark the ball must be played as it lies.
- c) A ball lifted under this rule may be cleaned before being replaced.

8. Kangaroo Marks (without penalty)

If a ball lies in a paw-print, hole or other mark made by a kangaroo, on a part of the *general area* that is cut to fairway height or less or the first cut of rough, the ball may be dropped, without penalty, within one club length of the nearest point of relief but no nearer the hole.

9. Aeration Holes (without penalty)

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

- a) Ball in *general area* - the player may take relief under **Rule 16.1b** (lift and drop). If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this local rule,
- b) Ball on *putting green* - the player may take relief under **Rule 16.1d** (lift and place)

But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the *putting green* on the player's *line of play*.

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

Water interfering with the player's *line of play* on the *putting green* is an abnormal ground condition and relief is available under **Rule 16.1d**.

Under this local rule, if the hole is entirely covered by water the player may elect from the following options once their ball is on the putting green:

- a) The player may elect to putt out in which case option (b) is no longer available.
 - b) The player may elect to add two putts to their score and lift the ball out of play.
- Note: *The player's marker must confirm that the hole is entirely covered by water and must be advised of which option the player elects to take.*

11. Suspension of Play

If a long blast on a siren is heard it means the Course Management is suspending play. It is unlikely that this will happen unless the Course Management has decided that there is imminent danger to players on the Course and you must stop play immediately and for your own safety, return to the Clubhouse to await resumption of play following the provisions of **Rule 5.7c and 5.7d**. (A brief summary is below please refer to the Rules of Golf to ensure full compliance)

5.7c(1). a player must resume play from where play was stopped on a hole or, if between holes, at the next teeing area.

5.7d (1). when stopping play of a hole the player may mark and lift the ball in accordance with Rule 14.2. On resumption of play it must be replaced replicating its original lie.

Two long blast of the siren means play may be resumed.

12. Relief on Damaged Greens (without penalty):

- a) Players 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.
- b) Players are allowed to lift and place their ball at the nearest point of relief which provides the player with a clear line of putt, but no nearer to the hole. Players may also play the ball as it lies. Players must seek approval from their marker before lifting. Non-approval means the ball must be played 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 the corresponding penalty.

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

During play of the 14th and 17th holes any accumulation of gumnuts (whether loose or embedded) in the *general area* or in a *bunker* shall be treated as an ACC from which free relief is allowed under **Rule 16.1**

14. Missing Tee Markers:

- a) If both tee markers are missing on the tee box, the player should tee off within two club lengths of the front of the appropriate teeing area.
- b) If only one of the tee markers is in place the player should tee off within two club lengths behind an imaginary line drawn from the remaining tee box perpendicular to the *line of play*

15. Tree Roots:

If a player's ball lies 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 in the rough within 3 club-lengths from the edge of the area cut to fairway height or less, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1.b But, relief is **not allowed** if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance.

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.

Club Match Committee

26th May 2025