

## WHITSTABLE & SEASALTER GOLF CLUB – LOCAL RULES

### 1. OUT OF BOUNDS AND COURSE BOUNDARIES

- Beyond the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes fence posts and ditches that bound the course.
- Beyond the line between white stakes on the ramp over the causeway.
- Beyond the course side edge of paths/ patio around clubhouse
- Beyond the line between white stakes in front of water storage tank, tractor shed and car park.
- Beyond the line between white stakes to the left of 7th / 16th holes.  
Internal Out of Bounds
- During play of holes 2/11 and 3/12, out of bounds is beyond the line between white stakes at the margin of the ditch on the left hand side. These stakes are treated as boundary objects during the play of holes 2/11 and 3/12; for all other holes, they are immovable obstructions.

### 2. PENALTY AREAS

The ditches, pond and rough that extends to and coincides with the out of bounds fence at the left hand side of the 5/14 hole is designated as a red penalty area. When a player's ball last crossed the edge of this red penalty area, at a point where the red penalty area and the out of bounds fence coincide, opposite side relief is available.

### 3. PUTTING GREENS

When not in play a temporary green should be treated as GUR and free relief from interference must be taken under Rule 13.1f.

When a temporary green is in play; the putting green it replaces is a "wrong green" and free relief from interference must be taken, under Rule 13.1f.

Protection of Aprons - When taking wrong green relief from any putting greens, the wrong green is defined to include the area of fairway within two club-lengths from the edge of the putting green. This means when taking relief under Rule 13.1f, the nearest point of complete relief must avoid interference from this area in addition to the wrong green.

### 4. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS

Immovable obstructions - Protective wire screens, fixed seats, winter tee mats, distance marker discs on fairways, fixed sprinkler heads, sprinkler equipment covers, storm shelter, concrete drain in front of 7th /16th tee. A player may take relief from interference from Immovable Obstructions under Rule 16.1

Fixed Sprinkler Heads around greens - The player has an additional option to take relief under rule 16.1b., if a sprinkler head around the green is also on the line of play, and is both within two club-lengths of the putting green, and within two club-lengths of the ball. Exception - No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable.

Sunken drainage channels – Sunken drainage channels in the general area are ground under repair. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b

N.B. Interference does not exist if a sunken drainage channel only interferes with the player's stance.

### 5. SPECIAL / REQUIRED RELIEF PROCEDURES

Protection of Young Trees – Staked trees are no play zones: If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree, or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f.

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, the player must take relief either with penalty under Rule 17.1e or with free relief under Rule 17.1e(2).

Flower Beds and Astro Turf paths – All dug flower beds and Astro Turf covered paths wherever found in the "general area" are "no play zones" to be treated as an abnormal course condition. Free relief must be taken from interference by the no play zone under Rule 16.1f.

### 6. DEFINING WHEN AND WHERE PLAYERS MAY PRACTICE

Prohibiting Practicing on or Near Previous Putting Green – Rule 5.5b is modified in this way – Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed or test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

### 7. PRIORITY ON THE COURSE

Players on the 4th/13th tee have priority over players on the 7th/16th green.

### 8. FAIRWAY DISTANCE MARKERS & GREEN FLAGS

Distance markers on fairways are measured to the front of the green.

Small flags on the flagpole, indicate position of hole on green.

Low = front of green, Middle = middle of green, High = back of green.

**Should a player hit a golf ball outside the boundaries of the course, it must be reported by filling out the incident book available in the lobby of the Clubhouse.**

### DUE CARE AND ATTENTION

ALL PLAYERS ARE ASKED TO BE AWARE OF OTHERS ON THE GOLF COURSE

PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO SHOTS APPROACHING THE 5TH/6TH/14TH/15TH GREEN AND SHOTS FROM THE 9TH/18TH TEE WHEN THERE ARE PLAYERS ON THE 2ND/11TH GREEN.

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