

LOCAL & CLUB RULES

1. OUT OF BOUNDS – Rule 18.2

- over all boundary fences surrounding the course
 - to the left & right of the white posts when playing the 13th hole.
- 2.** - to the right of the white posts when playing the 18th hole.
- also on the 18th hole [beyond the green] the lawn area over the path is OUT OF BOUNDS, marked by white posts. The boundary is defined by the inside edge of the posts. A ball wholly beyond this point is out of bounds.

If there is any chance of a shot being long, and potentially OUT OF BOUNDS, hit a provisional ball straight away.

A BALL MUST NOT BE PLAYED FROM OUT OF BOUNDS. HOWEVER, ONE MAY STAND OUT OF BOUNDS TO PLAY A BALL THAT IS IN-BOUNDS

3. PENALTY AREAS – Rule 17

Includes bodies of water which are defined with either red or yellow stakes. Relief can be taken under one penalty stroke – **Rule 17.1d.**

4. BUNKERS – Rule 12

Before playing your ball loose impediments and movable instructions including stones may be removed – **Rule 12.2.**

5. YOUNG TREES – Rule 16 & 17

Young trees, defined as those protected with shields and/or stakes. If the ball lies in a position where there is interference with the stance and/or swing, the ball **MUST** be lifted and dropped within one club length of the NEAREST POINT OF RELIEF, not nearer the hole. To gain relief under this rule an individual tree **MUST** be protected.

6. PATHS AND TRACKS – Rule 19

Any **artificially surfaced path or track** is an immovable obstruction. The ball may be dropped, without penalty, within one club length of the NEAREST POINT OF RELIEF, not nearer the hole. Complete free relief can also be obtained if your ball is on, or you are standing on the track that runs through the trees that separate the 11th & 17th Fairways (now deemed GUR). Also see item 9b below.

7. WHEN PLAYING THE 9th HOLE

If a ball is lying on, or your stance is affected by, the path alongside the left of the green, then a free drop may be taken by the defined white post (near the wooden walkway). Relief may be taken within two club lengths from the post, no nearer the hole. The trees running alongside the path are an integral part of the course and relief can only be obtained according to the normal rules of golf.

8. FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS – Rule 16.1

Are immovable objects. The player has the option to take free relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line as follows:
Ball in General Area: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play, and within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball.

Exception – There is no relief under **Local Rule 5.2** if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

9. GROUND UNDER REPAIR [GUR] – Rule 16.1

PLAYERS MUST TAKE RELIEF FROM GUR.

a] Any area encircled by a white or blue line or b] Any area of damaged ground in the general area that is considered by the green keeping staff to be an abnormal course condition.

10. WRONG PUTTING GREEN – Rule 13

A ball coming to rest on a wrong putting green or physically interferes with your areas of intended stance or swing, then free relief must be taken within one club-length of the NEAREST POINT OF RELIEF not nearer the hole – SEE **Rule 13.1f**.

11. EMBEDDED BALL RULE 16.3

Free relief can be obtained if a ball is embedded in its own pitch mark in the General Area [not in a Penalty Area or bunker] at any time of the year.

A ball is considered embedded if part of the ball is below ground.

The ball position must be marked, can be cleaned and then dropped within one club length from the marked position no nearer the hole.

12. WINTER RULES - WHEN IN OPERATION – Rule 16.1

[Dates will be advised]

1. Preferred lies apply to the general area of the fairway and fringe of the green only. The ball **MUST** be marked, then it can then be cleaned and replaced within ONE club length of the mark no nearer the hole. The ball cannot be placed outside the general area, so cannot be moved onto the green, even if no nearer the whole. Once the ball has been placed, it is in play and cannot be moved again.

2. A ball embedded in its own pitch mark below the level of the ground. in the general area the ball can be marked, cleaned and dropped within one club length no nearer the hole, with the spot immediately behind the ball as the point of reference. There is no free relief from balls embedded in penalty areas.

13. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE

For ALL play on Boughton Golf Course, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his or her play (e.g. gradient, wind-speed, temperature etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

14. ETIQUETTE

- The maximum number of players allowed in one match or group is **FOUR**.
- Only recognised golf apparel & shoes to be worn on the golf course

15. EMERGENCY / INCIDENT

- Contact Golf Reception on 01227 752 277 Option 3. If this number is not available contact The Cave Duty Manager on 07857 372110 or if there is a risk to life or limb contact **999** immediately followed by above numbers
- The Fire Point is sited in the car park outside the main entrance.
- A defibrillator is located in the Hotel.

