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## TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES RELATING TO THE COVID 19 REGULATIONS

### THE FOLLOWING LOCAL RULES ARE IN OPERATION FOR ALL COMPETITIONS:

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT GOLF CLUB OF ST. ANDREWS HAVE ISSUED GUIDANCE (REPRODUCED BELOW) IN RELATION TO “CENTRING” THE FLAGSTICK AND THIS IS REFLECTED IN REVISED “COVID 19” LOCAL RULE NUMBER 2**

The Committee may – *“Allow players to centre the flagstick in a safe manner which does not involve using the hand, even when wearing a glove or using a towel (for example, by using a club). The centring of the flagstick may be allowed while another player putts (this may be desirable in windy conditions when the flagstick is required to be left in the hole and is leaning towards the player making the stroke).”*

1. **Scorecards:** Please fill in a scorecard for your playing partner and sign in the “marker’s signature” space after agreeing the hole by hole scores. Completed scorecards are to be placed in the box marked with the day of play (i.e. Saturday, Wednesday or Sunday). Please remember to **include the competition name, date and the player’s Course Handicap on the card. Scorecards need not be countersigned.**

**Penalty for failure to return a scorecard is disqualification.**

2. **Flagsticks:** The flagstick **MUST** remain in the hole at all times. **Deliberately touching the flagstick with any part of the body (whether covered or not) is forbidden but the flagstick may be held in the centre of the hole by using the striking end of a club. Having the flagstick held in a position other than centred incurs the penalty for breach of this local rule by both players.**

**Penalty for breach of this rule is 2 strokes per occasion.**

3. **Holing Out:** The ball must be **HOLED OUT:** (A ball will be considered holed out when any part of the ball lies beneath the surface of the green). Please note that a ball striking the flagstick, material attached to the flagstick, foam insert or hole-liner and bouncing out of the hole **HAS NOT BEEN HOLED OUT.**

**Penalty for failure to hole out is disqualification.**