



TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES April 2021

Bunkers

When a player's ball lies in a bunker, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball within six inches of the position of the original ball, but still within the bunker and not nearer the hole.

Flagsticks

The flagstick should not be touched and should remain in the hole at all times, even if this is likely to cause the player a disadvantage. The flagstick may be centred 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.

Hole and Definition of Holed

Due to the use of hole liners, a player's ball is considered holed when it lies at rest within the circumference of the hole, even if the whole of the ball is not below the surface of the green. The ball cannot be considered to be holed when it has bounced out of the hole for any reason, for example, when it has bounced off the flagstick or the hole liner.

Movable Obstructions

All movable obstructions are now classed as immovable obstructions so that they are not touched. Any benches, markers, hoops, posts and ropes must be left in place and relief may be taken under Rule 16.1. Relief is not allowed to be taken under Rule 15.2.

Scoring in Stroke Play (Rule 3.3b)

In view of concerns around handling and exchanging scorecards it has been decided to allow methods of scoring in stroke play that do not strictly comply with Rule 3.3b or do not comply with the normal methods used under Rule 3.3b.

- A player must enter his/her own hole scores on a scorecard and also those of their fellow competitor in order to verify verbally each other's scores at the end of the round.
- It is not necessary to have a marker physically certify the player's hole scores by signing the scorecard.
- A scorecard is considered to be returned once the player's score has been entered into Club V1 by way of the competitions' office or a mobile device. There is no requirement to hand in a scorecard to the Committee.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES:

Stroke Play - Two strokes

Match Play – Loss of Hole

