



Local Rules

Skelmorlie Golf Course Local Rules

9th April 2021

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 2.1)

- a) Any fence, line of white posts or white lines bounding the course.
- b) Fence to the right of the 15th fairway.
- c) Line of white stakes to the right of 12th fairway.
- d) The Medal tee area at the 16th hole defined by fence & boundary wall is in bounds when playing the 16th hole only.

If a ball is out of bounds players must proceed as per Rule 18.2.

2. Integral Objects

The wall in front of the 14th Green, all teeing grounds, the clubhouse, all boundary fences, boundary markers & boundary walls.

Ball to be played as it lies or declared unplayable (Rule 19).

3. Immoveable Obstructions (Rule 16)

All shelters, roads, paths, benches (secured or not), winter tee boxes, distance markers, penalty area stakes, stiles & steps are immoveable obstructions & relief from interference may be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1. The wooden shoring on the 7th green, the cairn on the 12th fairway & the clubhouse flagpole are also immoveable obstructions.

Note that all ground (including paths & bridges) within the margins of a penalty area, is considered to be part of the penalty area & any relief taken will incur a penalty (Rule 17.1d).

4. Protection of young trees (Rule 16)

- a) Young trees, less than club length in height, staked trees & trees protected by grow tubes are immoveable obstructions, Rule 16.1.
- b) Other than above, a ball lying beside any tree shall be played as it lies or declared unplayable (Rule 19).

5. Ground under repair (Rule 16)

Except when GUR is in a Penalty area, play prohibited for all balls lying in GUR. Free lift & drop within one club length not nearer the hole.

- a) All seeded ground with the exception of seeded divots where free relief is not permitted.
- b) Outcrops of rock on the fairway.
- c) Open ditches filled with stones/gravel.
- d) Areas indicated as GUR with white lines or notices.
- e) Ball lying within GUR in a penalty area may be played as it lies/declared unplayable (Rule 17).

6. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

- a) Red penalty areas indicated by red stakes.
- b) Yellow penalty areas indicated by yellow stakes.
- c) All other burns and ditches are yellow penalty areas whether staked or not.

7. Aeration Holes.

If a ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

- (a) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b 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.
But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the players line of play.



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8. Preferred Lies (when in operation)

A ball lying in the General Area cut to fairway height or less may be lifted without penalty & cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, they must replace it on a spot within six inches and not nearer the hole of where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard & not on the green. A player may move/place his ball only ONCE, and it is in play when it has been placed.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

Temporary Local Rules During Covid19 Restrictions.

To be revoked once restrictions lift.

9. Preferred Lies In Bunkers

When a player's ball lies in any bunker on the course, the player may take free relief once by placing the ball and playing it from the relief area. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, they must place it on a spot within six inches and not nearer the hole from where the ball originally lay. A player may move/place his ball only ONCE, and it is in play when it has been placed.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

Penalty for breach of local rule: **Stroke play: Two strokes, Match play: Loss of hole.**