



# The Bombay Presidency Golf Club Ltd.

29<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

## **BPGC LOCAL RULES**

These Local Rules are to be read in conjunction with the Tournament Guidelines and shall be in force until further change.

THE RULES OF GOLF EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 AND THE INTERPRETATIONS ON THE RULES OF GOLF, 2023 AS APPROVED BY THE R & A AND THE UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION WILL APPLY.

LOCAL RULES CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY SET FORTH UNDER THE COMMITTEE FOR TOURNAMENTS AND RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS.

**1. BOUNDARIES** - The boundaries of the course are generally defined by the inside perimeter of the boundary walls of the golf club with the exception of the following:

- a) White Stakes and lines defining the boundaries
  - (i) On the left side of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee,
  - (ii) Behind the 9<sup>th</sup> Green
  - (iii) On RHS of 15<sup>TH</sup> fairway extending along the periphery of the parking lot, the machinery shed and the entrance gate of the 11<sup>th</sup> Hole
  - (iv) Inside wall bordering the drain (nullah) RHS of 11<sup>TH</sup> fairway beginning from behind the 14<sup>TH</sup> tee, including the concrete slab of the drain (nullah).
- b) Entire fenced area covering the dog habitat to the left of 6th green and right of 3rd fairway is beyond the boundary of the golf course.
- c) Entire clubhouse including the parking lot, swimming pool and the upper lawn are beyond the boundaries of the golf course
- d) Course area beyond the public road between 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> holes while playing the respective holes.

**Note:** Where both lines and stakes are present, white lines define the OB margin

**2. OUT OF BOUNDS**-Beyond the boundary of the course as defined above.

Please note:

- a) When defined by stakes or a fence, the boundary edge is defined by the line between the course-side points of the stakes or fence posts at ground level (excluding angled supports), and those stakes or fence posts are out of bounds. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or **over** such line.
- b) When defined by a painted line on the ground, the boundary edge is the course- side edge of the line, and the line itself out of bounds.

**3. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (INCLUDING IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS) (RULF 16.1)**

All teeing ground boards, sprinkler tapping points, yardage markers, paved artificial surfaces, coir mats, fixed benches, drainage covers and other man-made objects not defined as integral to the course,. In addition, the following Rules apply:

### **A) Ground under repair treated as part of nearby Obstruction**

#### **Model Local Rule F-3.1**

White-lined areas of ground under repair and the identified obstruction they tie into, are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1



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## **B) Extensive Damage Due to Heavy Vehicles**

**Model Local Rule F-4 is modified as follows:**

Ground under repair includes areas of unusual damage such as ruts caused by tractors and heavy construction equipment but regular tyre marks of golf carts, tractors and golf machinery are excluded.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty under Rule 14.7a.**

## **C) Immovable Obstructions Close to the Putting Green**

**Model Local Rule F-5**

"Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1

The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the and on the line of play:

Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1 if an immovable obstruction is:

- On the line of play, and is:
- Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
- Within two club-lengths of the ball.

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

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## **D) Prohibiting Relief from Abnormal Ground Conditions when only Stance Interference Exists**

**Model Local Rule F-6**

Rule 16.1 is modified in this way: Interference does not exist if a hole, cast or runway made by a burrowing animal, a reptile or a bird, Fire or bull ant mounds, nests or beds only interferes with the player's stance.

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## **E) Damage by Dogs**

**Model Local Rule F-10 is modified as follows:**

in the General Area & bunkers, areas of damage caused by dogs are treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1b (but interference does not exist if the damage only interferes with the player's stance.)

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## **F) Protection of Young Trees**

### **Model Local Rule E-10**

The young trees identified by white stakes 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).

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## **G) GUR due to Construction Activity**

Any General Areas on the golf course that are affected by ongoing construction activity shall be treated as an abnormal course condition. This shall include those areas which are under construction, open trenches for cabling and /or irrigation, areas where mud, sand and other construction material / debris is temporarily stored for use or removal, whether marked or unmarked. However, all trenches and peripheral areas of the cart path & light poles which are back-filled and restored with grass / sand shall not be part of these construction affected areas unless specifically marked as GUR.

Free relief is available from the GUR areas affected by construction activity if such a condition affects a Player's ball or stance or swing. Free relief may be taken under Rule 16.1

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General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.**

## **H) Protective Screens and Netting**

Only the protective screens / safety nets including the poles on which they are installed that are next to the 9<sup>th</sup> Tee Box, 9<sup>th</sup> Green & 12<sup>th</sup> Tee Box are immovable obstruction from which free relief shall be available under Rule 16.1. All other protective screens / safety nets, if within the boundaries as defined herein are integral parts of the golf course

## **4. PENALTY AREAS (RULE 17)**

Penalty areas are defined as either red or yellow.

Yellow penalty areas (marked with yellow lines or yellow stakes) give the player two relief options (Rules 17.1d(1) and (2)).

Red penalty areas (marked with red lines or red stakes) give the player an extra lateral relief option (Rule 17.1d(3)), in addition to the two relief options available for yellow penalty areas.

If the colour of a penalty area has not been marked or indicated, it is treated as a red penalty area.

### **A) Dropping Zone**

**Model Local Rule E-1.1 applies for penalty area on Hole # 11.**

As an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone defined by white lines located near the Red Tees. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3



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## B) No Play Zone

1. A part of the penalty area which is behind the water body and next to the 13<sup>th</sup> tee box (blue tees) and the 12<sup>th</sup> green is permanently designated as a NO PLAY ZONE to protect the plant bed and for safety reasons. Accordingly playing from this area is strictly prohibited.

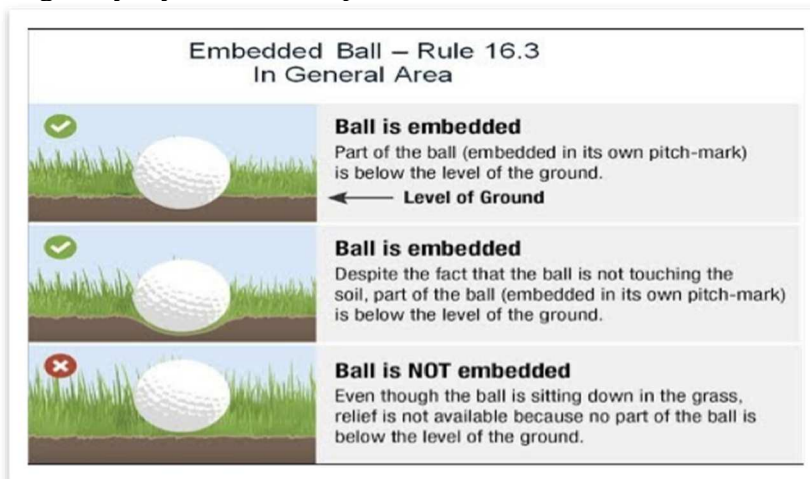
**“Model Rule No. E-8.2** The area defined as above is defined by red stakes with a distinct 3-inch green marking on the top of the stake is a **no play zone** that is treated as a *penalty area* and relief must be taken from interference by the no play zone with penalty of 1 stroke under **Rule 17.1e**”

2. The Water Point on the right of the 18<sup>th</sup> Green is permanently designated as a NO PLAY ZONE and for safety reasons. Accordingly playing from that area is strictly prohibited.

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5. **Embedded Ball. (R 16.3 modified).** - Free relief is allowed only when a ball is embedded in all areas of the course except penalty areas and bunkers.

Rule under these conditions which would allow a player who has a plugged ball anywhere in the abovementioned areas, is to lift, clean and drop the ball as near as possible to where the ball originally lay. The below picture will clear as to what will be considered as an embedded ball.



6. **BALL DEFLECTED BY POWER LINE:**

### **Model Local Rule E-11**

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line or tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line during the play of a hole, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made.

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7. **ON COURSE UNITS USED FOR LIGHTING & PUBLIC LIGHT POLES**

If a ball strikes an on-course lighting unit or public light pole, the ball must be played as it lies. If the ball is lost or out of bounds, Rule 18 applies.



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## **8. INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE**

- (i) Pipes/Cables attached or running within 6 inches to boundary walls
- (ii) Mid way hut near 6<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> tee
- (iii) Retaining walls of teeing grounds

**9. Distance Measuring Devices** - permitted unless specifically stated otherwise

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES (unless otherwise stated) Match Play-Loss of Hole  
Stroke Play-Two Strokes**

### **NOTE:**

ALL PAR 3'S ARE CALL HOLES, MAINTAIN PACE OF PLAY – ENSURE THAT YOU KEEP UP WITH THE GROUP AHEAD OF YOU, REPAIR DIVOTS, BALL-MARKS & DAMAGE BY SPIKES, SMOOTH OVER ALL FOOTPRINTS & HOLES IN BUNKERS & AVOID DAMAGE TO THE COURSE THROUGH PRACTICE SWINGS.

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