

Downfield Golf Club Local Rules

(Rule book Section II - Definitions in *italics*)

“Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green” Note: this is a local rule only until it is officially published in the next edition of the Rules of Golf.

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player’s ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player’s ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player’s ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.”

24 - 1 Movable Obstructions include direction posts, tee markers, rakes, yardage marker posts, signs and notice boards. Stones in *bunkers* are movable *obstructions*.

24 – 2 Immovable Obstructions are all constructed roads and paths including concrete edging, staked or bandaged trees including supporting wires, course furniture, shelters, flower beds and bridged areas outwith *hazard* lines and sprinkler heads.

1A-4 Immovable Obstructions close to the Putting Green (e.g. Sprinkler Heads)

Relief from interference by an immovable *obstruction* may be taken under Rule 24-2

In addition, if a ball lies *through the green* and an immovable *obstruction* on or within two club-lengths of the *putting green* and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the *line of play* between the ball and the *hole* the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the *hole*, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a *hazard* or on a *putting green*.

Penalty for Breach of Rule: Match Play Loss of hole. Stroke Play – Two strokes

Wooden boards lining the *water hazards* are Integral Parts of the Course.

25-1 Abnormal Ground Conditions -are any areas of the course encircled with white paint and marked *ground under repair* (GUR). Mandatory GUR preventing play, will be marked as such.

Penalty for Breach of Rule: Match Play Loss of hole. Stroke Play – Two strokes

26-1 Water Hazards – are all burns, ponds, ditches and open drains whether or not they contain water. Yellow stakes define *water hazards*. When marked with red stakes they are deemed *lateral water hazards*. (26-1c)

Penalty for Breach of Rule: Match Play Loss of hole. Stroke Play – Two strokes

27.1 Out of Bounds areas are defined with white stakes and include the following: -

1st - the practice area left of the *teeing ground*.

2nd – practice area on the left past the dogleg and beyond the green.

3rd – beyond the wall to the left of the tree line.

9th – behind the green in front of the clubhouse.

18th - Car park area beyond the dogleg and to the left.

Penalty for Breach of Rule: Match Play Loss of hole. Stroke Play – Two strokes

1A-7 Distance Measuring Devices for play at Downfield Golf Course, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance measuring device. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play, e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc. the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

Penalty for Breach of Rule: Match Play Loss of hole. Stroke Play – Two strokes
Subsequent offence - disqualification

Temporary Local Rules will be posted on the notice boards in the club foyer, gents, ladies and visitors locker rooms and in the Professional’s shop.

**Play the ball as it lies, play the course as you find it and if you can’t do either, do what is fair.
But to do what is fair, you need to know the Rules of Golf.**