

APPENDIX 1

Waterford Valley Golf Club Local Rules

- **Out of Bounds/Lost Ball**

Out of bounds is defined by the fences in front of the houses on holes 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9.

If your ball is out of bounds or lost proceed under [Rule 18.2b](#).

Alternatively, the following local rule can apply.

“When a player’s ball has not been found or is *known or virtually certain* to be *out of bounds*, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under *stroke and distance*.

For **two penalty strokes**, the player may take relief by *dropping* the original ball or another ball at the point where the original ball is estimated to have:

- (i) come to rest on the course, or
- (ii) last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: [General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a](#).”

- **Dropping Zones**

“If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the penalty area near the **specified** greens, the player may:

- (i) proceed under [Rule 17](#); or
- (ii) as an additional option, if the ball entered the penalty area in the places set out in the descriptions of the greens with a dropping zone, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the dropping zone.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: [General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a](#).”

The **specified** greens under this local rule are 3, 6 and 18.

- **Matting & Footprints in Bunkers**

“Exposed matting and players footprints in a *bunker* are *ground under repair* in the *general area*.

If the player’s ball lies in or touches this *ground under repair* or the *ground under repair* interferes with the player’s *stance* or area of intended swing, the player may take free relief under [Rule 16.1b](#). The player’s ball may be placed rather than dropped.

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- Staked Trees

“Staked trees 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 free 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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- Cracks in the Ground

“Cracks in the ground in the *general area* are *ground under repair*. The player may take relief under [Rule 16.1b](#) **but** interference does not exist if the crack only interferes with the player’s *stance*.”

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- Flooded Bunkers

A flooded bunker is a bunker that is filled with water so there is no flat area of sand within the bunker that is not covered by the water in the bunker

“A flooded *bunker* is *ground under repair* in the *general area*. It is not treated as a *bunker* during the *round*.

If the player’s ball lies in or touches this *ground under repair* or the *ground under repair* interferes with the player’s *stance* or area of intended swing, the player may take free relief under [Rule 16.1b](#).

All other *bunkers* on the *course*, whether they contain *temporary water* or not, are still *bunkers* for all purposes under the Rules.

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- Preferred Lies

At certain times during the year the committee may advise that preferred lies apply.

While COVID Restrictions are in place, with no rakes in the bunkers, preferred lies apply in the bunkers.

“When a player’s ball lies in a part of the *general area* cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this *relief area*:

- **Reference Point:** Spot of the original ball.
- **Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point:** *one hand span* from the reference point, but with these limits:
 - **Limits on Location of Relief Area:**
 - Must not be nearer the *hole* than the reference point, and
 - Must be in the *general area*.

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](#).

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- Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green eg. Sprinkler Heads

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 putting green and on the line of play:

Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b 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 - No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

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- Penalty Areas

All penalty areas on the course are **Red** Penalty Areas.

They include the creeks, the lakes and marked vegetation areas.

The penalty areas are identified by red stakes on the boundaries of the areas.

The boundaries are defined by the mown edge around the penalty area.