**BRIGHTON PUBLIC GOLF COURSE**

**LOCAL RULES**

**(To be read in conjunction with Temporary Local Rules and the Rules of Golf)**

**Out of Bounds: (Rule 18.2)**

* Beyond all boundaries clearly defined by fences
* Line marked by white/black stakes along the left side of the 13th fairway.
* On or past the concrete path behind the 18th green and the brick paving around the Pro Shop is OOB
* Bitumen path on the left side of the 9th fairway – on or past the path is OOB
* Line marked by white/black stakes defining the coaching fairway to the right of the 9th fairway.

**Abnormal Ground Conditions: (Rule 16.1)**

* Areas roped off and marked as GUR.
* Any area defined by white paint.
* Wheel marks made by maintenance vehicles. (Except in a penalty area, Rule 17)
* Solidly embedded stones.
* Storm damage awaiting removal.
* To protect the local flora, exposed tree roots in the fairways and short rough, are to be treated as abnormal ground conditions. When a ball lies on or touches a tree root in the fairway or short rough, or interferes with the area of the intended swing, relief must be taken, to avoid damaging the tree root. As the width of the short rough on the Brighton Golf Course varies greatly the Match Committee has decided to restrict any relief from tree roots that are within a driver club length of the tree trunk. So, if your ball is within a driver club length of a tree trunk you do not get free relief from any tree roots, and must play the ball as it lies or take a penalty drop.

*Interference by this abnormal ground condition, with a player’s stance, is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under this Local Rule.*

**Immovable Obstructions: (Rule 16.1)**

* Wooden or metal stakes, supports or constructions.
* Bitumen or gravel pathways, shelters, ball washers, taps.
* Metal hoops, concrete covers, signs, distance markers.
* Protective fences, gates, watering and maintenance equipment.
* Fixed sprinkler heads close to a putting green. If a ball lies outside a penalty area, within two club lengths of a sprinkler head which is within two club lengths of the putting green and interferes with the line between the ball and the hole, it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped without penalty at the nearest point of relief, which is not nearer the hole, in a penalty area or on the green.
* If a tree or shrub is less than two club lengths in height and interferes with the player’s stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief.

**Penalty Areas (Surrounded by red or yellow stakes): (Rule 17)**

* The dam fronting the 11th tee.
* The dam fronting the 17th tee.
* The dams bordering the 2nd and 18th tees and fairways.
* The dam behind the 10th green.
* The two water gardens on either side of the 10th fairway.

**Lost Ball Local Club Rule.**

Under the new Rules of Golf that came into effect on the 1st January, 2019, the Brighton Golf Club has invoked a rule relating to a ball out of bounds or lost on the course and taking relief under the penalty of 2 strokes.

When a player’s ball has gone out of bounds or has been lost on the course, the player may drop another ball on the fairway as near as to where the ball went out of bounds or was considered to be lost, but not nearer the hole. (Rule 14.3) The penalty is 2 strokes and the relief area is within 2 club lengths of the edge of the fairway of the hole being played..

This rule is not applicable if the ball has gone into a penalty area or if a provisional ball was hit under the penalty of stroke and distance. (Rule 18.3)

**Penalty for breach of Local Rule – Stroke play, 2 strokes. Match play, loss of hole.**

**BRIGHTON GOLF CLUB, MATCH COMMITTEE – February 2024.**