



## GERRARDS CROSS GOLF CLUB LOCAL WINTER RULES

FROM NOVEMBER 1st 2009

### PREFERRED LIES

A ball lying on any “closely mown area” through the green may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within six inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green. After the ball has been so moved or placed, it is in play, and if it moves after the player has addressed it, the penalty shall be one stroke – see rule 18 – 2b.

**Penalty for breach of local rule: Match play – Loss of hole - Stroke play – two strokes**

Note: “closely mown area” means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less (rule 25 – 2).

### PLUGGED BALLS

Through the green, a ball which is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, other than sand may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

Exception: A player may not obtain relief under this Local Rule if it is clearly unreasonable for him to play a stroke because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:**

**Match play - Loss of hole    Stroke play - Two stroke**

### ATTENDING THE FLAG

**To protect the area around the hole, please do not attend the flag during social rounds of golf.**

Secretary 1st November 2009

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### 1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27-1)

- (a) Beyond all boundary fences and on or over boundary walls
- (b) The cricket and practice ground to the left of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> holes and the track to the Cottage to the rear of the 18<sup>th</sup> green. All are defined by white stakes.
- (c) The Green Keepers compound defined by the palisade fence and white stake. The fence is not an obstruction, relief is not permitted under Rule 24-2
- (d) The pathway from the gates by the 18<sup>th</sup> green, along the practice putting green in front of the clubhouse to

the edge of the hedge as defined by white stakes.

**Note** Out of bounds posts, fences or stakes are all fixed and relief is not permitted under Rule 24-2

## 2. Water hazards (Rule 26)

All drainage ditches, whether indicated by stakes or not.

The River Misbourne at the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes.

The pond to the left hand side of the 7<sup>th</sup> hole is now both a water hazard and lateral water hazard.

The pond to the right hand side of the 8<sup>th</sup> green is now a lateral water hazard, marked by red stakes.

**If your ball finishes in a water hazard (yellow stakes) the options are to:**

1. Play another ball as near as possible to the spot from which the original ball was played.
2. Drop a ball behind the water hazard, keeping the point at which the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the water hazard the ball may be dropped.

**The additional option you have if your ball finishes in a lateral water hazard (red stakes) is:**

3. To drop a ball outside the water hazard within 2 club-lengths of and not nearer the hole than (i) the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard or (ii) a point on the opposite margin of the water hazard equidistant from the hole.

**All 3 options carry a penalty of 1 shot.**

Please refer to Rule 26-1c for relief options.

The moat (including the island) between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> holes and the River

Misbourne at the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole are lateral water hazards and are indicated with red stakes

The ditch to the left of the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway is a lateral water hazard

## 3. Roads and Paths

With exception of :

- (a) the road to, and the tarmac areas of ,the greenkeepers' compound, outside the fence,
- (b) the 11<sup>th</sup> Tee car park
- (c) man made stone paths with timber edging

All paths are deemed to be integral parts of the course. The ball must be played as it lies or declared unplayable. (See 5(b) below)

## 4. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2)

- (a) If a staked tree interferes with a player's stance or area of intended swing, the ball must be lifted and dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of relief.
- (b) Supports bordering pathways may be treated as Immovable Obstructions

## 5. Movable Obstructions

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies)

## 6. Fixed Sprinkler Heads

All sprinkler heads are immovable obstructions and relief from interference by them may be obtained under Rule 24-2. In addition, if such an obstruction on or within two club lengths of the putting green of the hole being played intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may obtain relief, without penalty as follows:

If the ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and is within two club lengths of the intervening obstruction it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which :

- (a) is not nearer the hole
- (b) avoids such intervention
- (c) is not a hazard or on the putting green

### 7. Temporary Greens

The practice green adjacent to the 18<sup>th</sup> hole and all temporary greens are deemed to be “WRONG PUTTING GREENS” . Relief must be taken in accordance with Rule 25-3 (lift and drop within one club-length of the nearest point of relief.

### 8. Distance Measuring Devices

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. Players may not use a device that has the ability to measure gradient, wind speed, temperatureEtc - Only distance! Penalty for breach of Rule 14-3 will be disqualification

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:**

**Match Play - Loss of hole**

**Stroke Play - Two strokes**