

# YEPPON GOLF CLUB

# **LOCAL RULES**

TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RULES OF GOLF (Effective 1 July 2017)

## **Obstructions-Movable and Immovable**

- The garden bed immediately before the water on Hole 7 is part of the water hazard. Concrete edging is outside the hazard and deemed as an *immovable obstruction*. **Rule 24-2 applies.**
- All paths and roadways containing artificial material (i.e. bitumen, concrete, crushed granite) are *immovable obstructions*. **Rule 24-2 applies.**
  - The bitumen road leading into the Clubhouse is an immovable obstruction. Relief is taken under **Rule 24-2** and the obstruction extends to “1 club length” either side of the road, for the entire length of the road.
  - Concrete cart paths are deemed immovable obstructions under **Rule 24-2**, and relief applies under that rule. The obstruction extends to “1 club length” from ALL edges of the paths.
- Building, sheds, power poles, distance markers, irrigation equipment, on-course advertising signing, and wire safety netting are defined as *immovable obstructions*. **Rule 24-2 applies.**
- The black/white stakes used to define “Out of Bounds” within the course are defined as *immovable obstructions* on holes other than the hole to which the “Out of Bounds” applies. **Rule 24-2 applies.**
- Stakes used to define the margin of a water hazard, lateral water hazard and Ground Under Repair (GUR) are *immovable obstructions*. **Rule 24-2 applies.**
- Artificial material (crushed granite) between the rear of the Clubhouse and the 9<sup>th</sup> green is deemed an *immovable obstruction*. **Rule 24-1 applies.** Relief WITHOUT penalty may be taken via drop zone behind the 9<sup>th</sup> green.
- Staked trees, staked shrubs, and ropes/stakes used to restrict players to certain areas of the course, are deemed *immovable obstructions*. **Rule 24-2 applies.**
- Stones in bunkers are *movable obstructions* and can be removed from the bunker WITHOUT penalty. Otherwise **Rule 24-1 applies.**
- Players are entitled to relief WITHOUT penalty if the line of their next shot needs to be played across a sprinkler head, or any other irrigation related equipment, that is located within 2 club lengths of the green AND their ball is within 1 club length of that irrigation equipment. Players that choose to take relief can take a drop at the nearest point not closer to the hole where their next shot will no longer be impeded by the irrigation equipment.

## **Out of Bounds (Internal)**

- Areas inclusive of the Carpark and Clubhouse (including the paved surrounds of the Clubhouse) are all deemed as **Out of Bounds**. **This rule applies to all holes.**
- When playing Hole 17, the area to the west of the water hazard (i.e. the 8<sup>th</sup> hole) is **Out of Bounds**. The Out of Bounds area is defined by the black/white stakes adjacent to the 9<sup>th</sup> tee (behind 8<sup>th</sup> green) and those bordering the right side of the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway.
- When playing the **9<sup>th</sup> hole ONLY**, a ball finishing in the area left of the black and white stakes bordering the right side of No.18 fairway, is **Out of Bounds**.

## **Ground Under Repair**

- All bare patches on the 5<sup>th</sup> hole between the drain crossing the fairway in front of the ladies tee and the 1<sup>st</sup> bend in the fairway (“the dogleg left”) are deemed as GUR and free relief may be taken.
  - The designated area where relief can be taken, without penalty, is bounded by the edge of the drain crossing the fairway, the left edge/end of the cart path on the right hand side, the contour bank extending from the corner of the dam, and finally the water hazard (yellow) stakes on the left (dam wall).



- Clearly defined wheel ruts (not shallow indentations) and other damaged areas caused by course machinery through the green is deemed as GUR. Relief may be taken without penalty.
- The turf nursery is deemed GUR and relief **MUST** be taken when a ball comes to rest on the turf nursery. As there is no designated drop zone, relief **MUST** be taken at the nearest point, no closer to the hole being played. The turf nursery is located in the space between the cart path leading away from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee, the back of the 2<sup>nd</sup> green, the back of the 6<sup>th</sup> green and to the side of the 7<sup>th</sup> tee.
- Defined garden beds on holes 2, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 16 are all deemed Ground Under Repair (GUR) and relief may be taken, without penalty, within one club length from the nearest point of relief (not nearer the hole). No penalty applies. **Rule 25-1b(1) applies.**

## Other Rulings

- A ball that strikes a kangaroo within the confines of the defined golf course, the stroke may be replayed at the discretion of the player without incurring a penalty.
- The “gully” running across the 4<sup>th</sup> fairway is an integral part of the course and a ball coming to rest in the “gully” must be played as it lies. This area is NOT GUR. If the ball is unplayable, relief can be taken under penalty of one (1) stroke.
- To maintain the speed of play, a provisional ball may be played on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> holes where a player believes that their ball may have finished in the water hazard. Where this rule is applied, the provisional ball must be played using one of the options available under **Rule 26-1.**
- The grass and wooded area to the right of the cart path on the right hand side of the 4<sup>th</sup> green, and the mulch around the base of trees across the course (e.g. Palm trees to the right side of the 8<sup>th</sup> green, palm trees at the 15<sup>th</sup> tee, trees on the right edge of the 13<sup>th</sup> fairway) are an integral part of the golf course. A ball coming to rest in this area may be played as it lies or if deemed to be unplayable, relief may be taken under penalty of one (1) stroke. **Rule 28 applies.**
- Relief may be taken where a ball comes to rest **UNDER** the rotunda between the 4<sup>th</sup> green and 5<sup>th</sup> tee **WITHOUT** penalty. If the rotunda will impede a player’s swing, relief can be taken **WITHOUT** penalty at the nearest point of relief (no closer to the hole).
- If a ball strikes a power pole or an aerial power line located within the confines of the defined golf course, the stroke **MUST** be cancelled and replayed **WITHOUT** penalty. If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted and played without penalty. **Rule 20-5 applies.**
- GolfLink handicaps that are issued by “virtual clubs” are not accepted for all competition rounds hosted by Yeppoon Golf Club. This extends to competitions such as Holden Scramble. “Virtual Clubs” are established so that a player pays a membership fee to obtain a GolfLink handicap, however that club itself doesn’t exist in a physical sense and does not maintain a golf course (9 hole minimum required). “Clubs” that serve the sole purpose to provide a handicap and nothing more will be classified in this manner. Players with such handicaps will be governed the following Conditions of Play:
  - Players with such a handicap will not be eligible to win prizes in the net component of the event.
  - If the competition is a team event, the team they that are a part of, will not be eligible to win prizes in the net component of the event.
  - For gross events, the player will be automatically classified as A Grade, or Division 1, depending on the designation that applies to that competition, irrespective of the handicap that was presented.
  - Examples of “Virtual Clubs” are, but not limited to, QANTAS Golf Club, Bushranger Golf and GSM Golf Club.
  - The Match Committee must be satisfied that a player has not breached these Conditions of Play and any decision they, or a delegate for the Match Committee associated to that competition, will be final and no further correspondence will be entered into.
  - Social days, charity days, events managed by the PGA/Golf Queensland/WGQ, etc are exempt from these Conditions of Play and the decision rests with the delegated match authority.

## Stakes and Markers

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ground Under Repair (GUR) – White stakes or white painted lines marked specifically as GUR</li> <li>➤ Water Hazard – Yellow stakes</li> <li>➤ Distance markers           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 100m to centre – 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes</li> <li>➤ 130m to centre – All other holes</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Out of Bounds – white stakes with black top (and/or black painted lines where applicable)</li> <li>➤ Lateral Water Hazard – Red stakes</li> <li>➤ Gravel Area deemed GUR – Blue stakes</li> </ul> |
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