

RICHMOND PARK GOLF CLUB



TEMPORARY LOCAL RULE FOR AREAS DESIGNATED AS GROUND UNDER REPAIR

For the foreseeable future the following temporary Local Rule shall apply:

The areas listed in Tables A and B below are all *ground under repair*. For the areas listed in Table A, if a player's ball lies in *ground under repair* or if the *ground under repair* interferes with the player's stance or the area of the intended swing, the player may take relief in accordance with the procedure outlined below. The same also applies for the two areas of protected badger holes listed in Table B except that the player must take relief in accordance with the procedure outlined below.

For the purpose of this temporary local rule the definition of *ground under repair* is per the Rules of Golf.

When taking relief the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief from the 'boundary' of the area of *ground under repair*. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green. When the ball is dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, the ball must first strike a part of the course at a spot that avoids interference by area of *ground under repair* and is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

The greenkeeping staff will endeavour to keep the areas of *ground under repair* appropriately marked and defined. There will be occasions where the boundaries of the areas are not clearly defined and in these instances the following procedure must be followed. The player and his/her marker must agree a point on the ground where the *ground under repair* is likely to commence and to this point one full club length of additional relief area must be added to set the 'boundary' point.

TABLE A

<u>Course</u>	<u>Hole</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Prince's</u>	1	Two areas in the semi-rough before the fairway
	1	Two small 'dip' areas on the fairway before road
	3	Irrigation box just off tee
	3	Sprinkler head marked with hoops on the right hand side of the green
	5	Two areas just off the tee in the semi-rough
	6	Discontinued fairway bunker including any grass surrounding the abandoned bunker not cut to fairway height
	12	Discontinued bunker including any grass immediately surrounding the bunker which is not cut as low as the adjacent fairway or semi-rough
	13	Sprinkler head by tee
	18	Irrigation box near tee
	18	Drainage hole on right hand side of the green
<u>Duke's</u>	3	Mounding to the left of the fairway between the tee and the ditch
	3	Scarred area on the fairway before the ditch
	9	Discontinued bunker
	9	Irrigation box in the semi-rough on the left hand side
	11	Drainage area in the semi-rough on the right hand side
	14	The two disused hard areas on either side of the ditch at former central crossing point
	15	Discontinued fairway bunker including any grass surrounding the abandoned bunker not cut to fairway height
	18	Localised storm damaged 'low' area on the fairway after the first ditch

TABLE B

<u>Course</u>	<u>Hole</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Prince's</u>	9	Badger holes marked off with white posts and chain to the left hand side of the green
<u>Duke's</u>	15	Badger holes marked off with white posts and rope in the semi-rough on the left of the hole

Please note :

- (1) Where it is known or virtually certain that a ball is lost in *ground under repair* the player is entitled to relief with a substituted ball without penalty under Rule 25-1c. The reference point for taking relief is the spot where the ball last crossed the outermost limits of the *ground under repair*.**

- (2) The 'nearest point of relief' must be strictly interpreted. A player is not permitted to choose on which side of *ground under repair* he/she will drop the ball, unless there are two equidistant 'nearest points of relief'. Even if one side of the *ground under repair* is fairway and the other is bushes, if the 'nearest point of relief' is in the bushes then the player, if taking relief, must drop the ball within one club-length of that point even though he/she may have to drop the ball in a virtually unplayable lie.**

Penalty for breach of Local Rule:

Match play -	Loss of hole
Stroke play -	Two strokes

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Secretary
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