

LOCAL RULES

BY-LAW 18 - PREFERRED LIE

A 30cm preferred lie may be taken when playing in League competitions on public golf courses, when the ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less. The ball does not need to be marked, may be cleaned when so lifted without penalty and replaced no nearer to the hole. (This allowance is made for League players on public golf courses, where the condition of the course in the general area cut to fairway height or less, may not always be ideal. It should however be remembered that this allowance should be used for the preservation of the fairway, eg when the ball may be lying in a divot, but not solely for the benefit of the player.)

BY-LAW 19 - PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES

Relief must be taken from trees under two metres in height, (with or without stakes). The ball must be dropped (without penalty), within one club length of the nearest point of relief (reference point – see diagram at rule 16.1b), clear of the foliage, but not nearer the hole. If a tree taller than two metres is obviously a 'baby tree' in need of protection (eg very thin or spindly), relief must also be taken. This rule does not apply to grass trees and vegetation growing naturally in bush areas. In cases of staked trees taller than two metres, if the stake itself is interfering with the stance or swing, under the immovable obstruction rule, the player is entitled to relief from the stake only.

BY-LAW 20 - IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (EG SPRINKLER HEADS) CLOSE TO, OR ON THE PUTTING GREEN

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under R and A 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 free relief under Rule 16.1b (see diagram in R and A Rules) 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. On the putting green The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1d (see diagram in R and A Rules) if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play, by placing a ball on the spot of the nearest point of complete relief not nearer the hole, which is either on the putting green or in the general area. If there is no such nearest point of complete relief, the player may still take this free relief by using the point of maximum available relief as the reference point, which must be either on the putting green or in the general area. Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable. Penalty for playing ball from a wrong place in breach of R and A Rule 14.7a incurs a general penalty (2 strokes) Page 6 of 11 Revised 12 May 2025 PSWGL By-Laws

BY-LAW 21 - FLAGSTICK

Whilst not involving a penalty but in order to restrict damage to the hole, players in PSWGL competitions are encouraged to remove the flagstick from the hole before retrieving the ball.

BY-LAW 22 - MOBILE PHONES

During PSWGL competitions, a mobile phone must be inaudible from the time the first shot of the group is played until after all players in the group have completed their rounds. It should only be used for scoring, looking up rules or distance information, unless a player has previously indicated to her playing partners that she may, due to special circumstances, need to use her phone during the round. Penalty for infringement is 2 strokes or loss of hole in match play.

BY-LAW 23 - MEASURING DEVICES

In all League competitions, these are permitted, providing that they are used for measuring distance only. If this device is used to gauge or measure other conditions that may affect play, (eg: wind speed, elevation changes, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a. The penalty is 2 strokes in stroke play or loss of hole in match play. For a subsequent offence player will be disqualified.