

Temporary Local Rules

11 november 2024



In addition to the local rules published on the scorecard and the notice board, the following temporary local rules are in effect. Below is a summary of the full text of the Dutch Temporary local rules.

FLOODING AND FORMERLY WET AREAS (RULE 16.1)

1. **Bunkers** from which cannot be played due to flooding are indicated as GUR; these bunkers are part of the general area from which free relief is available. All other bunkers whether they contain temporary water or not, are still bunkers under the rules.
2. **Temporary water** on the course in the general area is GUR by definition; relief can be taken without penalty. Water must be visible before or after taking a normal stance without exerting undue pressure on the ground.
3. Some formerly wet areas have not yet recovered. These areas can be recognised by the fact that they are a) within the normal contours of the fairways and b) the grass is not mown to fairway height. One is allowed to play from these areas, but can also take free relief under Rule 16.1. In some cases there is a drop zone as an additional option. The drop zone is the area within one club length of the "DZ" sign.

Note 1: when these areas are situated outside the contours of the fairway, free relief is only available when there is temporary water visible.

Note 2: the ropes that are in place in some of these areas have no significance under the Rules of Golf, but are there to alert users of handicaps of these areas and prevent them from entering them.

4. Explanation per hole
 - **Hole 2:** there are two GUR areas; one at the beginning of the fairway with a drop zone behind it and one level with the pond. For the latter, there are two drop zones; one left of the areas as seen from the tee and one in the centre of the GUR area. Here the grass is mown to fairway height to allow all players whose ball ends up in this area a good lie relatively close to where their ball lies. The area left of the new temporary path is NOT part of this GUR area;
 - **Hole 3:** the drop zone is the winter-tee, left of the summer-tee;
 - **Hole 9:** here there are a number of areas with their own DZ's;
 - **Hole 10:** the DZ short left of the green is in use both for the water left of the green and behind the green;
 - **Hole 13;** here there are a number of areas with their own DZ's;
 - **Hole 17;** the drop zone is the orange tee.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS AFTER TREE REMOVAL

On holes 4 through 7 and 11 & 12 trees have been removed. These areas are abnormal course conditions marked with blue/white stakes from which free relief can be taken according to Rule 16.1f.

In general:

1. When the **ball is found** free relief is available under the Nearest-point-of-Relief principle. This implies that the ball can be dropped outside the area at the same distance from the hole as the original place of the ball; see diagram in appendix.
2. When the **ball is not found**, the only reference point for taking free relief is the point of entry of the GUR area. On hole 7, this can be really close to the tee. One MUST drop a ball at this point.
3. Explanation per hole:
 - **Hole 4 & 7:** seen from the tee of hole 4, there is a large GUR area between these holes that begins short of the gap in the trees between these holes and continues to the path near the tee of hole 5;
 - **Hole 5:** the complete left side of this hole is GUR. There is a drop zone behind the green;
 - **Hole 5 & 6:** after the corner of the dogleg, level with the green of hole 6, the GUR area begins and it connects to the GUR area from the left side of hole 5 behind the green of hole 5;
 - **Hole 7:** the GUR area on the left side of the hole begins at the tee and runs all the way to about 50 meters short of the green where it connects to the path, which forms the left-hand side edge of the GUR area;
 - **Hole 12;** the valley in front of the tee and the area between the white/yellow and red tee of hole 13.

NEW PLANTINGS

These areas (left of hole 5 and left of hole 7) are fenced off. This is a no play zone that also must not be entered. On hole 5, the area borders the out of bounds and on hole 7, the area ends at the path. In both cases, the border of the area is at one club length from the fence. Free relief from interference from this area is obligatory under Rule 16.1 on the fairway side of the area. In case the ball is dropped in the bordering GUR area, the ball may be played, but free relief is also available on the fairway side of this area.

TREE STUMPS

In the areas where trees have been removed tree stumps have been left behind. These stumps are abnormal course conditions from which free relief is available under Rule 16.1.

Note: this is only applicable in areas where trees have been cut in September and not in other areas where trees have been cut long ago.

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REMOVED TREE STUMPS

Pits that are caused by the removal of tree stumps in the areas where trees have been removed in September are abnormal course conditions from which free relief is available under Rule 16.1.

BRANCHES

Branches that are too large and heavy to be removed as loose impediments can be considered as abnormal course conditions from which free relief is available under Rule 16.1.

Note 1: this is only applicable in areas where trees have been removed in September.

Note 2: a ball that cannot be found in an area of multiple branches, can only be considered as lost in that area when it is obvious that the ball cannot be lost anywhere else.

Note 3: if the ball moves when removing a loose impediment in the general area, a penalty of one stroke must be applied under Rule 15.1.

DEEP RUTS

Throughout the area where trees have been removed deep ruts have been created. These deep ruts are abnormal course conditions from which free relief is available under Rule 16.1.

Note: deep ruts are defined as ruts that are so deep that the ball cannot be hit properly. This does not include patterns in the ground made by tires on which the ball actually lies on top.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS – REPAIRED BIRD DAMAGE

On a number of holes bird damage has been repaired in the fairways. These areas can be recognised as larger sand areas on the fairways. These areas are abnormal course conditions from which free relief can be taken according to Rule 16.1f.

NO PLAY ZONE FOR THE GRASS NURSERY ON HOLE 14

The grass nursery short left of the path crossing is a no play zone. **Playing from this area is forbidden.**

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS AS A NO PLAY ZONE

“The aforementioned areas are no play zones that are to be treated as an abnormal course condition. Free relief **MUST** be taken from interference by the no play zone under Rule 16.1f.”

DROP ZONES

On various holes there are drop zones as an extra option to take relief in addition to the options provided under Rule 16.1f. On these holes, the player may take relief from such an area by dropping a ball in the drop zone.

- The ball must be dropped within one club length of the DZ sign;
- The drop zone may not be closer to the hole than where the ball originally lay;
 - Except on hole 5 near the green, the drop zone behind the green may be used when the ball is beyond the front of the green as viewed from the centre of the fairway.
- The ball **MUST** land and come to rest in the drop zone. In case the ball lands outside the drop zone, the ball must be dropped again (no limit on the number of drops). In case the ball lands in the drop zone, but comes to rest outside the drop zone, once, the ball must be dropped again and then placed where the ball landed on the second drop in case the ball rolled outside the drop zone again.

The penalties mentioned below for breaching a local rule and the code of conduct will be applied separately and cumulatively.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: *General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.*

CODE OF CONDUCT

Penalty for entry into a no-play-zone into which entry is forbidden:

- **General penalty in competitions;**
- **The board will decide on possible disciplinary measures.**