



## Duchy Course

### Local rules

The normal Local Rules of Farrington Park are set out below. From time to time, Special Local Rules and Winter Rules may be published and details of these can be found on Club notice boards.

#### **1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 27-1)**

- Beyond any wall, fence, perimeter hedge or white stakes bounding the course including the hedge to the right of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> fairways
- Beyond the hedge to the left of the first fairway bordering the road
- On or beyond the road when playing the 6<sup>th</sup> and behind the 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> greens.
- To the left of or between the white posts between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> holes when playing the 13<sup>th</sup> (When playing the 14<sup>th</sup> hole, the out of bounds posts are deemed as moveable obstructions).
- To the left of or between the white posts to the left of the 16th hole
- Beyond the perimeter hedge to the right of holes 1,2,3,4,& 7 on the 9 hole course.

NOTE: Where there is a fence behind a wall, the wall is the boundary.

#### **2 WATER HAZARDS**

- Water hazards which are marked with yellow stakes are ordinary water hazards
- Water hazards which are unmarked or marked with red stakes are lateral water hazards

#### **3. GROUND UNDER REPAIR**

Relief **must** be taken from Ground Under Repair

- All drainage ditches
- A ball lying on an area marked by closed white lines or blue posts
- Any flower beds within the boundaries of the course.

If any such area interferes with a player's stance or the area of his/her intended swing, the ball may be lifted without penalty and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b(1). The ball may be cleaned when so lifted.

#### **4. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS**

These include all fixed sprinkler heads, staked trees (including those supported by wires) and all flower and heather beds. All telegraph poles, wires and supports (shots striking them **must** be replayed - Rule 20.5 applies), the handrails along the 5<sup>th</sup> hole, all sleepers, all 100/150 markers, the bell on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole and the two light casings to the right of the 18<sup>th</sup> green.

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 the to where the ball lay which a) is not nearer the hole, b) avoids such intervention and c) is not a hazard or on a putting green.

#### **5. YOUNG TREES**

Protection of young trees which are identified by stakes, white tags or individual wire mesh: if such a tree interferes with a player's stance or the area of their intended swing, the ball **must** be lifted in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b(1). The ball may be cleaned when so lifted.

#### **6. DROPPING ZONES**

When a ball comes to rest on the path adjacent to the 5<sup>th</sup> green or against the sleepers to the left of the path or if these interfere with the stance or intended swing, the ball may be either placed in the drop zone at the top of the path, or dropped at the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole.

#### **8. AERATION HOLES ON PUTTING GREENS**

If a ball comes to rest in or on an aeration hole, it may be lifted without penalty and **placed** at the nearest spot not nearer the hole.

#### **9. STONES IN BUNKERS**

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions - Rule 24-1 applies.

#### **10. ADJACENT GREENS AND TEES**

A ball lying on a green or tee of a hole other than the one in play must be dropped without penalty at the nearest point of relief which offers relief not nearer the hole.

#### **11. PATHS AND DRAINS**

If a ball lies on a path or drain it may be lifted and cleaned without penalty and dropped in accordance with Rule 22.2.

#### **12. TELEGRAPH POLES AND WIRES**

Relief may be taken under rule 24.2 from all telegraph poles, wires and supports. A shot that strikes any telegraph poles, wires or supports **must** be replayed under 20.5

#### **13. BIRD DROPPINGS**

Due to swans, geese and ducks on the course, if a player's ball comes to rest on or stance is interfered by bird droppings, a free drop may be taken under rule 25-1.

#### **14. ALTERNATIVE HOLES ON A GREEN**

During winter play alternative holes for frost conditions may be present. If a player's ball comes to rest within an alternative hole or when on the putting green the alternative hole is in the intended line of play to the hole in play, a player may place the ball at the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole.

#### **15. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES**

For **all** play at this course a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is used.

#### **16. WINTER RULES**

Under normal weather conditions, preferred lies will be in operation between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> April. (See details on Winter Rules)

#### **17. ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS**

A player may take relief when his or her ball is within a deep rut made by a tractor. Interference with a player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under this rule.

Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark 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.

## **18. ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON A PUTTING GREEN**

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced."

## **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES:**

**LOSS OF HOLE IN MATCHPLAY**

**TWO STROKES IN STROKEPLAY**

**APPENDIX:** no relief from seeded divots

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