



*The Royal Calcutta Golf Club*  
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## **RCGC LOCAL RULES**

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The following are the Local Rules applicable at Royal Calcutta Golf Club and is to be read in conjunction with any notices, additions or amendments published by the Committee.

For the full text of any Local Rule referenced below, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf - Effective January 2019.

Unless otherwise noted, the **penalty for breach of a Local Rule** is the general penalty (loss of hole in match play or two stroke penalty for stroke play).

### **Out of Bounds (OB) (Rule 18.2)**

Out of Bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes, white lines, course perimeter boundary walls, barbed wires and fence posts (immovable boundary objects). Any ball lying beyond the below defined boundary is considered to be out of bounds:

- The boundary on the 1st hole is defined by the structure of the 3rd Shamiana and extending along the fence left of the 1st fairway adjacent to the practice putting green.
- The boundary defined by white lines / stakes marking the tennis court area left of the 4th Tee is out of bounds.
- The boundary on the left of the 9th hole is defined by the course-side edge of the white lines / stakes and wall.
- The boundary defined by white lines / stakes marking the maintenance area, shed and its extensions left of the 10th fairway is out of bounds.
- The boundary defined by white lines / stakes marking the Tea Lawn area left of the 18th Green is out of bounds.
- Any area past the Shamiana (Practice range) / Driving Range marked in White is out of bounds.

Note: Where both lines and stakes are present, line defines the OB margin.

### **Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds**

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player has an additional option and may proceed under the Stroke and Distance Model Rule E-5 for a penalty of two strokes (see Rule 14.3).

This Local Rule is not available for:

- A Tournament or Competition unless specifically allowed under a Tournament's specific Conditions of Play.
- When a provisional ball has been played.

## Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

Penalty Areas are defined as Red (Lateral) or Yellow.

PENALTY AREAS are defined as Yellow Stakes/lines (Yellow penalty areas) or with Red Stakes/lines (Red penalty areas). Where both stakes and lines are present, lines define the margin.

Hole 18: Right of the 18th Fairway (Practice Chipping Green and Shamiana) marked in red is a compulsory penalty area where a player has to take a drop in the dropping zone provided with a one shot penalty. Beyond the Shamiana (The practice range area) which is marked in white is Out of Bounds. Relief to be taken as per options available within Rule 17.1d. Penalty Drop for Out of Bounds (OB) to be as per the above Local Rule for Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds.

When a penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary. In the event of multiple Drop Zones (DZ) being available, penalty drop must be from the **nearest DZ to the original ball** (not closer to hole). If all available DZ's being equidistant to the hole then the one closest to the original ball must be played.

Dropping Zones (DZ) for Penalty Areas and Out of Bounds (OB)

- Hole 6: For a ball that enters the Red Penalty Area on the left or behind the green, as marked
- Hole 13: For a ball in the penalty area short of the green.

## Abnormal Course Conditions (including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)

- Any area bounded by a white line / paint or marked with a Ground Under Repair (GUR) sign.
- Any area of damaged ground caused by vehicular movement
- Any Edging Grooves and Seams of Cut Turf (relief under Rule 16.1b or 16.1d).
- Yardage painted lines or dots on the putting green or in a part of the general area cut to fairway height lines or less are to be treated as ground under repair from which relief is available under Rule 16.1. Interference does not exist if yardage painted lines or dots only interfere with the player's stance.
- The young trees, saplings or flower beds, identified by Green Stakes is a No Play Zone (NPZ). If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches an NPZ or if it interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f. Specifically:
  - Flower bed between 9 and 11 tee. (Play Prohibited)(ALL FLOWER BEDS ON THE COURSE SHOULD BE PLAY PROHIBITED)
  - Hedge / fence on the left of 18th Hole GUR (Play Prohibited)
- For Immovable Obstructions close to the putting green, Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect. This Local Rule only applies when the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in part of the general area cut to fairway height or less. In addition to Rule 16.1a, interference also exists if an immovable obstruction is on the player's line of play, is within two club-lengths of the putting green and is within two club-lengths of the ball. Exception: there is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.
- For Immovable Obstructions in the general area, any seat, screen, tree guard, tube well, pump, fixed pipe, hydrant, concrete or brick structure, concrete or brick foundation / slab, marker, post, angle iron pillar, culvert, bridge or building is an immovable obstruction and Rule 16.1 applies.

- All paved roads or cart paths with red surkhi are obstructions and Rule 16.1 applies. Adjoining non surfaced areas are NOT part of the cart part.
- Embedded ball relief is limited to closely mown areas (Model Local Rule F-2 applies)

### **Temporary Immovable Obstructions**

Model Rule F-23 is in place. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIO) is defined as temporary tents or stalls, scoreboards, portable toilets, on course advertisements and hoardings.

### **Transportation**

During a Tournament or Competition round a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or approved in advance by the Committee or Tournament Conditions of Play. A player who will play or has played under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation. The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between two holes applies to the next hole.

### **Preferred Lies**

During certain weather conditions or seasons (such as Monsoons), to improve the conditions of plays, the Committee might declare (via a circular or course notice) this Local Rule of Preferred Lies in effect (Model Rule E-3). When a player's ball lies in any part of the General Area & Teeing Area, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball (or another ball under Rule 4.2) and playing it as below:

- Mark for reference the position of your ball.
- Lift and clean your ball.
- Place your ball within a distance of ONE RCGC Scoring Card length, no nearer the hole.
- The ball is in play when placed and cannot be lifted again.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rule 14.2.

### **Prohibiting Play From Fringe of Wrong Green**

When taking wrong green relief, the wrong green is defined to include the area of fairway within two club-lengths from the edge of the putting green. This means when taking relief under Rule 13.1f, the nearest point of complete relief must avoid interference from this area in addition to the wrong green.

### **Use of Mobile Devices**

Use of Mobile Phones is Not permitted during a stipulated Round except to contact an Official for Ruling or for any emergency purpose.

### **Designated Practice Areas**

- Driving Range (right side of driving range or low handicap tee for practice from the grass).
- chipping/putting green near Tee 10.
- Practice Putting Green near Main Club.
- Practice chipping Area towards the southern end of the primary driving range.

**Pace of Play Policy (Rule 5.6)**

RCGC has adopted a Pace of Play Policy as a Local Rule. See separate document for detailed RCGC Pace of Play Policy.

**Standards of Player Conduct (Rule 1.2)**

RCGC has adopted a Code of Conduct as a Local Rule. See separate document for detailed RCGC Code of Conduct.