

# **BENTLEY GOLF CLUB**

## **LOCAL RULES updated May 2023**

### **1/Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)**

- i. Beyond all boundary hedges and fences or on or beyond any white line or line of white stakes defining the boundary of the course except as shown in (iii) below.
- ii. 18<sup>th</sup> Hole Clubhouse area...This is defined by the course side edge of the pathway in front of patio and the line of white stakes behind the hedge.
- iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Hole...During play of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hole, the 6<sup>th</sup> fairway and beyond on the left hand side of the hole is out of bounds. The margin is defined by the left edge of the 6<sup>th</sup> hole which has been cut to fairway length or less. This extends until the end of the white stakes at the start of the 6<sup>th</sup> fairway.  
Where the Out of Bounds is defined by the left edge of the 6<sup>th</sup> fairway white stakes with black tops have been placed for visibility. These stakes are **Moveable** Obstructions.

**Note:** (1) *Where out of bounds is defined by a fence or line of white stakes, the line between the course- side points at ground level of such stakes and fence posts (excluding angled supports) define the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies beyond such a line.*  
(2) *Objects defining out of bounds are deemed to be "boundary objects". Therefore they cannot be moved and there is **no relief** without penalty from them. SEE EXCEPTION in (iii) above re internal out of Bounds*

### **2/Penalty Areas (Rule 17)**

Penalty Areas are marked by Red stakes (Red Penalty Areas).

When both stakes and lines are used the stakes identify the Penalty Area and the line defines the edge.

Ponds/Ditches...Where such Penalty Areas are marked just by red stakes they are deemed to indicate the Penalty Area not to define the edge. The edge is defined by the break of the ground into the pond or ditch. Where artificial structures surround the edge of a pond/ditch, the Penalty Area is defined by the outside edge of such structures.

Other Penalty Areas...Where other areas of the course have been marked as Penalty Areas the edge will be defined by a line of red stakes or as advised by the committee

12<sup>th</sup> Hole.....If a ball comes to rest in the penalty area behind the 12<sup>th</sup> green having last crossed the edge beyond the red stake situated at the back right of the green, the player has these relief options each for **one penalty stroke**;  
-Take relief under Rule 17.1 or  
- As an extra option drop a ball within the dropping zone. The dropping zone is defined as being within one club length of the stake situated behind the putting green. The dropping zone is a relief area under rule 14.3

**Note:** (1) *A ball is in a Penalty Area when it lies on or touches the ground or anything else (such as a natural or artificial object) inside the edge of the Penalty Area*  
(2) *Retaining sleepers surrounding a Penalty Area are Immoveable Obstructions and are deemed to be within the penalty area. Therefore if a players ball touches the outside edge of such a sleeper there is no free relief.*

### **3/Abnormal Course Conditions (Rule 16).**

This includes Immovable Obstructions and Ground under Repair.

#### **a/ Roads, Pathways and Bridle paths**

All roads, pathways and bridle paths on the course, even if not artificially surfaced are treated as Immovable Obstructions from which free relief is available under Rule 16.1

#### **b/ Drainage Channels On Fairway and First Cut of Rough**

Such areas are deemed to be Ground under Repair from which relief may be taken under Rule 16.1.

#### **c/ Tree Roots on Fairway and First Cut of Rough**

If a player's ball is in the general area and there is interference from exposed tree roots that are in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less or in the first cut of rough, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b

#### **d/ Animal Hoof Damage**

Damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by animal hoofs is Ground under Repair from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1, but on the putting green Rule 16.1 does not apply as such damage may be repaired under Rule 13.1

#### **NO PLAY ZONES ...Rule 16.1f**

#### **e/ Flower Bed Behind 12<sup>th</sup> Green**

If a player has interference from the flower bed situated behind the 12<sup>th</sup> green they MUST take relief under rule 16.1f.

As an additional option they may take free relief by dropping a ball within one club length of the dropping zone stake situated behind the putting green.

#### **f/ Ground under Repair**

Areas of Ground under Repair will be defined by white lines and /or signs and/ or hoops. Relief MUST be taken from these areas under Rule 16.1f

#### **g/ Protection of Young Trees**

The young trees identified by stakes and /or wrapping are "No Play Zones";

-: if a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a Penalty Area and it lies in or touches such a tree or the tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing the player MUST take relief under Rule 16.1f

#### **Unless otherwise determined by a Rule of Golf- Breach of Local Rule:**

**General Penalty...**Stroke play...2 Strokes

**Matchplay...**Loss of Hole

**These local rules should be read in conjunction with any temporary local rules or winter rules which may be applicable.**