



KARNATAKA GOLF ASSOCIATION

Local Rules Effective 1st October 2023

I. Out of Bounds (Rule 18).

A ball coming to rest beyond the perimeter fence/wall of the course is out of bounds.

Additionally, a ball is out of bounds if it comes to rest:

1. Holes 1,2,3&4: Beyond the white stakes-placed inside of the high fence.
2. Holes 1, 4 & 6: Beyond the white stakes behind the green.
3. Holes 1, 9, & 18: On or beyond the white line on the cart path in front of the clubhouse.
4. Hole 10: Beyond the fence on the right-hand side of the teeing area including the restroom building.
5. Hole 11: On or beyond the white line behind and on the left of the green in front of the workshop.
6. When defined by stakes or a fence, the boundary edge is the line between the course-side points of the stakes or fence posts at ground level. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such line.
7. When defined by a painted line on the ground, the boundary edge is the course-side edge of the line and the line itself is out of bounds. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such line.

II. Penalty Areas (Rule 17).

Penalty areas are defined by red or yellow stakes. The following is a specially marked penalty area:

Casual Waters (refreshment hut area) on the left of the 14th Green including the flower beds surrounding it.



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III. Dropping Zones

1. Holes 1 & 6: The nearer of the two drop zones provided behind the green may be used if the ball comes to rest on the path or flower beds respectively without penalty.
2. Hole 5: Behind the green for red penalty area- the player may use the nearer of the two drop zones provided to the point of entry into the penalty area under penalty of one stroke. The same drop zones may be used for free relief for a ball lying on or for interference by the cart path behind the green.
3. Hole No 11: If the ball is lying in the No Play Zone in the flower beds behind the green and below the 12th hole teeing area, the drop zone provided must be used without penalty.
4. Hole 13: If the ball is lost in the penalty area only on the left side of the cart path, the player may use the drop zone located to the left of the cart path under penalty of one stroke.
5. Hole 14: The nearer of the drop zones to be used for the following:
 - If the ball is in the penalty area on the left of the green (Casual Water area) inclusive of the flower bed area, the player **must** use the nearer of the two drop zones from where the ball entered the penalty area **under penalty of one stroke**.
 - If there is interference from the cart path between the two markers adjoining the flower bed area adjoining the Casual Waters area, the player may use the nearer of the two drop zones from where the ball lies for **free relief** from cart path

IV. **Lost Ball/Ball Out of Bounds(Rule 18):** The player has the option to not take the stroke and distance penalty; instead for two penalty strokes the player may take relief by dropping in the relief area. The relief area requires the player to establish:

- a) Ball Reference Point: The point where the ball is estimated to be lost or last crossed the edge of the boundary of the course.
- b) Fairway Reference Point: The point on the fairway nearest to the ball reference point but which is not nearer the hole.
- c) Size of Relief Area Based On Reference Points: Anywhere between:
 - A line from the hole through the Ball Reference Point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line) and



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- A line from the hole through the Fairway Reference Point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line)

But within these limits:

- Must be in the general area
- Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

This option must not be used when a ball is lost in a penalty area or when a provisional ball has been played.

V. Abnormal Course Conditions Including Immovable Obstructions. (Rule 16)

1. Ground Under Repair: All areas enclosed by a white line. Free relief.
2. All paved and concreted paths are deemed to be immovable obstructions and free relief is available. All other paths on the course are not deemed to be immovable obstructions and no relief is available for them.
3. The pylons together with the concrete bases of the high fence on Holes 1, 2, 3 & 4 are immovable obstructions outside the course and no free relief is available.
4. The nets which are part of the high fence and which are blown on to the course must not be pushed back. The player is entitled to free relief from these nets which are deemed to be immovable obstructions by dropping in the relief area at the nearest point of complete relief. If the nets are not blown onto the course but remain in their correct position outside the OB line, there is no free relief for these nets.
5. Red Ants: Free Relief is available for red ants at the nearest point where there is no interference for swing, stance & lie. **Relief is not allowed** if it was clearly unreasonable to *make* a stroke because of something other than the red ants
6. Embedded Ball: Free relief available when the ball is embedded in the general area: that is the entire area of the course excluding bunkers, penalty areas and teeing area & putting green of the hole being played.
7. Mandatory free relief must be taken from all flower beds and other No Play Zones marked by white stakes with green tops. If the No Play Zone is in a Penalty Area marked by a red/yellow stake with a green top, mandatory relief must be taken under penalty of one stroke



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VI. Integral Parts of the Course :

The following are deemed integral parts of the course and free relief is not available (including if ball lies in or outside penalty area)

- a) The concreted banks and other concreted areas of a penalty area
- b) Fence sections adjoining or attached to boundary wall left of Hole Nos 10 and 12

VII. Yardage & Penalty Area Stakes:

These stakes are movable obstructions and relief may be taken whether the ball is inside or outside the penalty area by removing an interfering stake-the ball **must not** be lifted and dropped.

VIII. **Pace of Play Policy:** Players must follow the Pace of Play policy put up on the notice boards. Breach of the pace of play policy will result in the following penalties:

For General Play: Appropriate action at the discretion of the Committee as per the Pace of Play Policy established.

For Tournament Play: Stroke and/or disqualification penalties as per the Pace of Play Policy established by the Committee [Rule 6.3b(3)].

General Penalty for Breach of Local Rule (unless indicated otherwise by a specific local rule):

Match Play-Loss of Hole

Stroke Play-Two Strokes

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