



# GOLF BROKEN HILL Inc.

## Local Rules

As at May15, 2020

Supersedes all previous Local rules

1. Bare patches, Cocky or kangaroo scratching's and sodded areas on greens are GUR. Relief may be taken if a player's ball is in or on these patches or through the line of putt. Place ball nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole, that eliminates the condition. **Rule 16-1d**
2. At a player's option Emu Droppings may be treated either as a loose impediment that may be removed under **Rule 15-1** or Ground under repair from which relief is allowed under **Rule 16-1**
3. If a player's ball lies in kangaroo or emu footprints or in the temporary accumulation of leaves & bark in a bunker it may be placed in same conditions without penalty at the nearest point in the bunker to where the ball originally lay, but not nearer the hole. **Rule 16-1**
4. All markers, signs, seats, trellises, wooden and concrete sleepers, hoops and buildings within the course proper are immovable obstructions. Relief is allowed under **Rule 16-1**  
Orange pegs defining fairway within the course proper are immovable obstructions. Relief is allowed under **Rule 16-1**. Relief is not allowed to be taken under **Rule 15.2**. (movable obstructions).
5. All Maintenance/Graded Roads, Wing Roads, Tractor and Wheel Tracks on the course even if not artificially-surfaced are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under **Rule 16-1**
6. If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole the player is entitled to relief without may without penalty. In General Area, the player shall drop the ball as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole **Rule 16-1b**. On Putting Green, the player shall place the ball at the nearest spot that avoids the situation, not nearer the hole **Rule 16.1d**. Interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.
7. If any staked or ringed tree or shrub interferes with a player's stance or area of intended swing the ball **MUST** be lifted without penalty and dropped in accordance with **Rule 16-1f** (immovable obstruction)
8. Penalty areas - Where the player's ball crosses the boundary defined by white topped red pegs on the tenth hole red penalty area the player can take penalty relief by dropping their ball in the designated drop zone. In all other cases when a player's ball is in a penalty area including when it is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area even though not found, the player may play the ball where it lies (if found) or play the ball from outside the penalty area by taking penalty relief using one of the options under **Rule 17-1d or 17-2**.
9. Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of fence posts surrounding the golf course. **Rule 18**. The chain mesh fence surrounding the water dam between 17th and 18th holes is out of bounds. The boundary is defined by outside edge of the fence posts surrounding the area. The chain wire fence is an integral object.
10. All course watering equipment, interfering with a player's stance or area of intended swing shall be treated as GUR. Relief **MUST** be taken. **Rule 16-1**
11. Cocky scratching's are to be treated as ground under repair, on fairway ball may be placed under preferred lie rule off fairway ball to dropped within one club length.
12. **Wastelands** (former fairway bunkers) - The player's ball must be played as it lies in designated wastelands, players may remove hard clay or stones without penalty if it impedes their stance or swing. **If the ball is on the fairway side of the orange pegs it is deemed to be on fairway and players may take relief under the preferred lie rule.**

13. Players can take relief without penalty on bare patches and or stony areas on fairway and green surrounds. Bare patches do not constitute dead grass or divots. Players may drop one club length from where the ball came to rest no nearer the hole
14. **Preferred Lie Rule** Supplementary to Local Rule 13 - When a player's ball lies in part of the general area defined as fairway, (the area between the orange pegs located on each side of each fairway), players may take relief without penalty. This relief applies when the ball lies on any fairway. The ball must be marked, lifted and placed within one club length under. **Rules 14-2b(2) and 14-2e.** The ball can only be placed once, in the event of the ball moving it must be played where it lies.
15. **Bare Patch Rule** Supplementary to Local Rule 13 - When a player's ball comes to rest in a bare patch on the fairway and the preferred lie rule restricts the player from exiting the bare area the player may invoke the Bare patch rule. Players can place their ball without penalty outside the bare patch area to whatever a distance is required that relieves the player from the bare patches. No nearer the hole

### **COVID-19 Supplementary Local rules**

16. **Score Cards** - Players may enter their own hole scores on the scorecard (it is not necessary for a marker to do it). It is also not necessary to have a marker physically certify the player's hole scores, but some form of verbal certification should take place
17. **Flagsticks** - Players must leave the flagstick in the hole at all times
18. **Bunkers** – Relief from abnormal ground conditions in bunkers. Players must play ball where it lies or take a preferred lie by placing ball within one club length of the original position. The ball must be placed in the bunker, no closer to the hole. Players be requested to smooth bunkers using their feet or a club.

**Rule 16.1** This rule covers free relief that is allowed from interference caused by abnormal course conditions (ACC). Interference occurs when the player's ball touches, is in, or on ACC or when the ACC physically interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing. The ball must be marked, the player may lift and clean the ball, generally the nearest point that ensures relief from ACC is selected and the ball is to be dropped at this point, the ball must come to rest within an area one club length from selected point not nearer the hole. **Unless otherwise stated in the Local Rules above the player's ball must be dropped**

#### PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE

Match Play – Loss of Hole

Stroke Play – 2 Stroke Penalty

The "General Area" covers the whole course except:  
The teeing ground and putting green on the hole being played  
All penalty areas and bunkers within the course proper