

Oak Royal Golf Club

Local Rules Amendments – Effective from 1st March 2026

1.OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18)

Beyond the boundary, hedges, walls, and fence to the left of the 1st(10th) hole and on the path or beyond to the right of the 1st (10th) hole.

Beyond the wall behind the 1st green.

All roads surrounding the boundary of the course are out of bounds.

This includes the road to the left of 2nd (11th), 3rd (12th), 6th (15th) and on the path /road surrounding 9th (18th) green.

Behind the 6th (15th) green

On the 7th (16th) hole on left- hand side beyond the fairway ditch, running up the left -hand side to the green.

The road running behind the 7th (16th) green is out of bounds.

There is an internal out of bounds on the 17th hole from the tee on the left- hand side to the road, making the practice ground out of bounds and 9th (18th) hole on the right-hand side running beyond the fairway ditch all the way up to the path on the right -and side of the green.

Penalty for Out of Bounds is Stroke and Distance in Competitions

2.PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17)

All Red and Yellow penalty areas are defined by Red and Yellow stakes.

Bridges, including parapets and surrounding stonework, lie within Penalty areas as defined by red and yellow stakes.

3.INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE- NO RELIEF WITHOUT PENALTY under Rule 19.2

- a. Wall Behind 1st (10th) and 9th (18th) green including wall surrounding back of 9th green.
- b. Gents' 7th tee- the wall surrounding the tee including the steps at the back of the tee.
- c. Rock Pile at side of 8th (17th) hole yellow tee.
- d. Rock Piles and septic tank at back of 9th (18th) green
- e. All course boundary walls, white posts defining Out of Bounds. **No relief without penalty**

4. OBSTRUCTIONS

a. Movable Obstructions- Relief without penalty -Rule 15.2

An obstruction is defined as movable if it can be removed without unreasonable effort, delay, or damage, otherwise it is deemed immovable. (Exception – White stakes defining (Out of Bounds))

b. Immovable Obstructions- Relief without penalty – Rule 16.1

For interference with stance or intended area of swing, but not for line of play.

Immovable obstructions include all inbound roads and paths, tee boards, fixed seats, electricity/GPS poles and supporting wires, artificial hole covers on greens and sprinkler heads.

Also

- a. 3rd Hole - 4th hole direction sign adjacent to the path.
- b. 4th hole right hand side of fairway, wooden pallet cover
- c. 4th Hole- Left hand side of the green, wooden pallet cover.
- d. 6TH Hole- Wooden pallet cover behind Gents yellow tee.
- e. 6th Hole - Green- Drain cover at back of green.
- f. 9th (18th) hole -fencing at rear of hole.
- g. The protective netting along the 1st (10th) and 7th (16th) holes are classed as immovable obstructions.

5. GROUND UNDER REPAIR -Relief without Penalty under Rule 16.1

Any area marked GUR, any artificial surface including paths (except on bridges within Red Penalty areas) and winter tee mats.

6. DROPPING ZONES

a. 1ST (10TH) hole – Relief under Penalty Rule 14.3

A drop zone is positioned on 1st (10th) hole if ball comes to rest in the stream, or beyond the stream, but still in bounds to the left of the green, or for balls which are unplayable next to the wall behind the green.

b. 7th (16th) hole – Relief without Penalty under Rule 16.1

Two drop zones are positioned either side of the 7th (16th) green.

They must be used if the ball comes to rest alongside the net surrounding the back of the green and interferes with player's swing. Please drop at nearest drop zone.

7. Fairway Bridges

All fairway bridges on the course are now an integral part of the course.

There is no line-of-sight relief without penalty when playing near the fairway bridges.

8. Trees

All trees on the course including staked trees are to be treated as an integral part of the Course. There is no longer any Free relief from any staked tree.

9. Preferred Lies on Closely Mown Areas- Temporary Local Rule Due to Adverse Conditions

A ball lying on a fairway, or in a part of the General Area cut to fairway height or less, but not including the **1st (10th) or 3rd (12th) hole**, without penalty, be marked, lifted, cleaned (rule 14.1) and replaced on a spot within six inches of its original position, which must be in the General Area and not nearer the hole (rule 14.2)

All greens surrounds on all holes are classed as Closely Mown Areas

10. Health and Safety Notice -Suspension of Play – Rule 5.7

The Klaxon will sound as follows.

ONE LONG BLAST – PLAY is SUSPENDED

TWO SHORT BLASTS - PLAY is RESUMED

THREE SHORT BLASTS - PLAY is ABANDONDED- COURSE CLOSED

11. COURSE ETIQUETTE

- a. Respect our course and observe The Rules of Golf
- b. Please Play Ready Golf and keep up with the group in front, allow quicker players to play through.
- c. White Tees are Members Competitions Tees Only
- d. Please replace and repair all divots, pitch marks and spike marks.
- e. Please rake all bunkers, leave the rake fully in the bunker and avoid damage to faces.
- f. Please refrain from practicing on any tees.
- g. No golf trollies or buggies on tees and greens and surrounds in any circumstances.

Please note the 150-yard posts are measured to the centre of the greens.