

HERMANUS GOLF CLUB



LOCAL RULES

BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE: GENERAL PENALTY, EXCEPT IF STATED OTHERWISE.

1. OUT OF BOUNDS:

A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond the course side edge of boundary fences, stakes, lines or boundaries of private properties.

2. PENALTY AREAS:

2.1 Red penalty areas on holes 3,4,5,6,7,12,19,20 and 21 are identified by red stakes. The edges of these areas are where the grass and the fynbos meet.

2.2 The penalty area left of the 22nd fairway and right of the 8th teeing locations includes the workshop area.

2.3 NO PLAY AND NO ENTRY ZONES are marked with RED STAKES WITH GREEN TOPS:

- Red penalty areas around/behind the greens of holes 14,15,16 and 26.
- Red penalty areas to the left of the 15th, 23rd and left and right of the 26th & 27th fairways.

Balls MAY NOT be retrieved or played from any of these above mentioned No Play Zones.

A penalty of 1 stroke under the Code of conduct for entering these areas will apply. For a ball played from these areas a 2-stroke penalty applies.

2.4 The driving range between the 1st and 8th hole is a NO PLAY ZONE. Retrieving a ball from this area is at the players own risk.

2.5 Penalty Area Drop Zones:

As an additional option under the **penalty area relief rule under penalty of one stroke**, drop zones are available on the:

- 5th hole – right of the putting green
- 13th hole – left of and behind of the putting green
- 14th hole - in front of and left and right behind the putting green
- 15th hole – fairway side of fynbos
- 16th, 20th, 21st & 22nd holes - behind the putting green
- 25th hole - in front to the right of as well as behind to the left of the putting green
- 26th hole - in front on both sides as well as behind of the putting green

3. PROTECTION OF TREES: (Rule 16.1f) **SEE EXCEPTIONS BELOW IN RED**

All staked/supported trees and their bowls are **NO PLAY ZONES** defined as abnormal course conditions, if interference exist by the tree or it's bowl with the lie of the ball, stance or intended swing of the player, the player **MUST** take free relief.

4. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS: (Rule 16.1) **SEE EXCEPTIONS BELOW IN RED**

4.1 GROUND UNDER REPAIR:

Is defined by a notice or any area encircled by a white painted line.

4.2 IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:

Free relief is available for all roads and paths covered by concrete, crusher dust and gravel. Big grey stones edging the concrete and gravel surfaced pathways, are to be treated as an extension of these pathways.

4.3 HOOFMARKS MADE BY ANTELOPE: (Model Local Rule F-13)

Clearly identifiable antelope hoofmarks are ground under repair from which free relief is available, except when in a penalty area. On the putting green hoofmark damage may be repaired (Rule 13.1) and Model Local Rule F-13 is not applicable.

4.4 DROP ZONE:

On the 18th hole for a ball that has ended on the artificially surfaced area to the left of the putting green or on the practise putting green, the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1 or as an additional option, drop a ball in the drop zone situated to the left of the putting green.

RULE 3 & 4 EXCEPTIONS: NO FREE RELIEF IS AVAILABLE IF:

- a) the ball is in a penalty area,**
- b) interference by anything OTHER than the condition covered by these local rules makes the stroke clearly unreasonable, or**
- c) interference by this condition would exist only through use of a clearly unreasonable club choice, stance, swing, or direction of play.**

5. DOUBLE GREEN: (Rule 13.1f)

The 3rd and 12th green is a double green, divided by white dots. The green of the hole not in play is regarded as a Wrong Green. Compulsory free relief from this green must be taken.

6. WASTE AREA LEFT OF THE FAIRWAY ON 15TH HOLE: Is part of the general area, with no free relief available.

7. GARDENS & FLOWER BEDS: Are part of the general area, with no free relief available.

8. INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE:

Pine needle and wood chip covered paths. (No relief without penalty) Individual pieces of woodchips and pine needles are loose impediments and may be removed under R15.1.

9. PACE OF PLAY POLICY: (Rule 5.6b)

From the time of starting, groups have to play 18 holes in 4 hours 35 minutes (including 15 minutes at the halfway house). If a group is, without reason, more than the starting interval behind the group in front of them and over their allotted time, all players in the group may be subject to a penalty of one stroke.

10. CODE OF CONDUCT: (Rule 1.2b)

A Code of Conduct, with penalties for a breach of its standards is adopted by the Committee. See separate document.