



# Boldmere Golf Club



## LOCAL RULES

**1** All Golf Course Local Rules as the scorecard.

**2 Distance Measuring Devices** may be used in all competitions. As a courtesy, distances must be made available to any players in the group who makes a request.

**3 Preferred Lies** Mytime Active sets the start and end dates for preferred lies. Boldmere Golf Club adopt these dates for Preferred Lies. In addition, the Handicap Committee may, at other times of adverse conditions, decide to apply Preferred Lies. This will be announced before the competition and noted on the starters sheet. When Preferred Lies are in operation: -

A ball lying on a *closely mown area* in the general area may be lifted without penalty and cleaned, after marking its position. It must be *placed* within six inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay.

**4 Mud on Ball** If the Handicap Committee consider conditions warrant relief *in the general area* for dealing with mud on a ball, then local rule 4 will apply. This will be announced before the competition and noted on the starters sheet. When in operation: -

A ball not lying on a *closely mown area* in the general area and not in a hazard, and with mud adhered to it may be lifted without penalty and cleaned, after marking its position. The ball must then be *replaced* in the exact position from which it was lifted.

When using this rule the player must give his marker/opponent the opportunity to observe the marking and placement of the ball.

**5 Flooded Bunkers** Any bunker totally flooded before the start of a competition and brought to the Handicap Committee's attention, will be deemed Ground under repair. Otherwise rule 16.1.c applies.

**6 Aeration Holes** In the general area, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted without penalty cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

**7 For Safety & Clarification Reasons** any Ground Under Repair which includes a bunker is also a No Play Zone, including any grass verge below the white line that surrounds the bunker. Rule 16.1 applies.

**8 For Clarification, the following are defined as immovable objects;** 1) The concrete kerbing between the 18th fairway and the path to the 1st tee near to the putting green and clubhouse 2) any Winter (Mat) tee constructions 3) the practice net near the 18th green. Rule 16.1 applies only if they interfere with your stance or swing.

**9 For Clarification Relief for Ball Not Found but in or on Abnormal Course Condition** During play of the course any ground with temporary accumulations of leaves in the general area or in a bunker, or severe badger damage is treated as ground under repair from which free relief is allowed under rule 16.1e. Players are asked to exercise good & fair judgement in these situations and not seek to gain an unfair advantage. i.e. it is virtually certain (95%) fellow players saw ball drop in the Abnormal Course Condition. (Scores returned when this rule applies are still acceptable for handicapping purposes if a measured course.) Please note that there is no choice of reference point under rule 16.1 It will be at the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole, *wherever that is*.

**10. Alternative Stroke & Distance Rule (2019)** When a player's ball has not been found (Other than Rule 9 conditions above) or is known or is virtually certain to be out of bounds the player may proceed as follows: For two penalty strokes the player may take relief by dropping the ball in the relief area.

**Ball reference point:** the point where the original ball:

- a) Came to rest on the course.
- b) Crossed the course boundary to go out of bounds.

**Fairway reference point:** the point on the fairway of the hole that is being played that is nearest to the ball reference point **But** is not nearer the to the hole than the ball reference point.

You may then drop on the fairway (fairway meaning any closely mown grass in the general area)

You should seek agreement of your playing partners that you are dropping in the relief area.

You cannot use this Rule if you ball is lost in a penalty area, or you have hit a provisional ball.