# **OAKBANK** Golf Club



## **Standing Local Rules**

Effective 25/3/2015

(to be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf and any Temporary Local Rules)

## 1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27-1)

- a. Ground beyond course boundary fences.
- Beyond any internal boundary marked by white stakes with black tops and including the Clubhouse, Green Keeper Sheds Shop, driveway and adjacent car park.

#### 2. Water Hazards

a. Provision Ball - If there is doubt whether a ball is in or is lost in a water hazard, the player <u>may play another ball provisionally</u> under any of the applicable options in Rule 26-1.

If the original ball is found outside the water hazard, the player <u>must</u> continue play with it.

If the original ball is found in the water hazard, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue with the ball played provisionally under Rule 26-1, but <u>may not proceed under Rule 26-1</u> with regard to the original ball.

If the original ball is not found or identified within the five-minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.

b. All water hazards are defined by stakes.

The stakes are inside the water hazard, and the margin of the hazard is defined by the nearest outside points of the stakes at ground level. Note: The bridges on the  $6^{th}/15^{th}$  hole and to the left of the  $6^{th}/15^{th}$  green are part of the hazard.

### 3. Ground Under Repair/Gardens

- a. Garden areas adjacent to 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tee areas are G.U.R. The player <u>must</u> take relief in accordance with Rule 25-1. All other garden areas are integral parts of the course.
- b. Through the green, relief may be taken if embedded stones or rocks interfere with the area of the player's intended swing. Rule 25-1 applies.
- c. Those areas, the margins of which are defined by white stakes and/or lines, G.U.R. signage and/or accompanying rope. Rule 25-1 applies.

Note: The stakes and signs are immovable obstructions.

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# **Standing Local Rules (continued)**

### 4. Distance Measuring Devices

a. For all play, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

### 5. Protection of Trees

a. If a young tree, identified by a stake, interferes with a player's stance or area of intended swing, the ball <u>must</u> be lifted without penalty and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24.2b.

#### 6. Drains

a. All drains and ditches are an integral part of the course.

### 7. Signs and Traffic Control Devices (hoops and wooden barriers)

- a. All course signs and traffic control devices are to be treated as immovable obstructions and treated in accordance with rule 24.2.
- b. A ball striking a sign or traffic control device may be replayed without penalty.
- c. Signs and traffic control devices <u>must not be moved</u>; however relief can be taken in accordance with rule 24.2.

### 8. Sprinklers

a. A ball striking a sprinkler on the hole being played <u>may</u> be abandoned and replayed without penalty in accordance with Rule 20.5. Hoses or sprinklers <u>must</u> not be moved or turned off.

Where no penalty is identified within a local rule, the penalty for breach of a local rule is:

MATCH PLAY – LOSS OF HOLE STROKE PLAY – TWO STROKES