

## **Silvermere Local Rules**

Local rules are as published on the score card and the notice board in the starters hut at the 1st tee.

### **1 Out of Bounds**

- a. Over all boundary fences including the driving range (where there are two fences the inner fence defines the out of bounds)
- b. On or over the road behind the 3rd and 6th green
- c. Over the fence at the back of the 18th green and the patio area
- d. Where defined by white posts

### **2 Penalty Areas (Defined by red stakes or lines – Rule 17 applies)**

- a. The ditches on the 3rd, 11th, 13th & 14th holes
- b. The lakes on the 13th, 14th, 16th, 17th & 18th holes

### **3 Electricity Cables**

If a ball hits an overhead electricity cable the player MUST disregard the stroke and replay the shot without penalty.

### **4 Staked Trees**

Staked trees are defined as trees supported by either a stake or rope. If the staked tree interferes with the players stance or intended swing path, relief must be taken no nearer the hole.

### **5 Stones in Bunkers**

May be removed without penalty. If the ball is likely to move when removing a stone it may be marked and replaced after removal.

### **6 Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1 applies)**

- a. All artificially surfaced paths and all bridges are immovable obstructions.
- b. All fixed sprinkler heads are immovable obstructions.

In addition if such an obstruction, on or within two club lengths of the putting green of the hole being played interferes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may obtain relief without penalty.

- c. A player may obtain relief, without penalty, if a Penalty Area stake interferes with their stance or swing provided their ball is not in the Penalty Area.

## **7 Balls on Ground Under Repair, Teeing Areas And Greens**

a A player MUST take relief if his ball lands within a designated “ground under repair” area or on any teeing area or green other than the hole being played.

b Relief may be taken from any recent earth workings by Green Staff, without penalty even if this is not marked “Ground Under Repair”.

## **8 Driving Range Surrounds**

Any ball which comes to rest on the sloping grass bank at the foot of the net of the driving range on the first three holes may be dropped on to level ground within one club length without penalty.

## **9 Non Competition Rounds**

If your ball lies in an old divot you may place your ball on the nearest mowed area not nearer the hole.

## **10 Dropping Zone**

There is a dropping zone at the front of the 17th tee, the end of the 18th fairway and the back of the 18<sup>th</sup> green.

## **11 17th Hole - Ball Played Provisionally Under Rule 18.3**

If there is doubt whether a ball is in or is lost in the Penalty Area on the 17th hole, the player may play another ball provisionally under any of the applicable options in Rule 18.3. If the original ball is found outside the Penalty Area, the player must continue play with it. If the original ball is found in the Penalty Area, the player may play the original ball as it lies, or continue with the ball played provisionally under Rule 18.3. If the original ball is not found or identified within the three minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.

## **12 18th Hole – Ball entering Penalty Area after landing on the green or surrounding area**

If on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole your ball lands on the green or surrounding area before entering the Penalty Area the ball MUST be dropped in the dropping zone at the rear of the green.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:**

Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.

## Silvermere Winter Rules

When a player's ball lies in a part of the General Area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: 6 inches from the reference point, but with these limits:
  - Limits on Location of Relief Area:
    - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
    - Must be in the general area. In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

Note: The General Area covers the entire course except for the teeing area, all penalty areas, all bunkers and the putting green of the hole being played.