

MODEL LOCAL RULES - NOTICEBOARD SUMMARY

Chinderah / Tweed Golfers

This is a short guide to the Local Rules most commonly needed during competitions. The full Local Rules remain the official reference and are available on the CT Golfers website. If uncertain, play it as it lies, consult your marker, be fair to the field and ask the Pro Shop after the round.

WHAT THE MARKERS MEAN		DROP ZONES AND PENALTY AREAS	
Blue stakes	Free relief from abnormal course conditions / marked drains.	- Drop zones may be used where provided for nominated abnormal course conditions. Drop within two club-lengths of the marker. - Drop zones do not provide free relief from Out of Bounds. 6th hole water carry: if the ball enters the red penalty area, the player may use stroke-and-distance or the special drop zone on the ladies tee. One penalty stroke applies. - When using the 6th hole drop zone, the ball is dropped - it may not be teed.	
Red stakes	Penalty areas such as dams – one stroke penalty.		
Blue & White Stakes	Drop zones for nominated relief situations.		
Fences / White Posts	Boundary objects / Out of Bounds – no free relief from the boundary itself.		
COMMON FREE RELIEF SITUATIONS		LOST BALL OR OUT OF BOUNDS	
- Marked beds containing mulch, trees or dense vegetation, including trimmed hedges. - Marked drains, including interference with stance or swing. - Roads, paths, protective fences, sprinkler heads/irrigation holes, and timber retaining wall in 7th hole bunker (all treated as immovable obstructions). - Temporary water where an accumulation remains visible before or after taking stance. - Maintenance damage, bare fairway ground, shell fill and animal tracks.		- To help pace of play, the Local Rule allows an alternative to returning to the previous spot if no provisional was played (R&A Section 8 E5). - For two penalty strokes, estimate where the ball was lost or crossed the out of bounds boundary, move to the nearest fairway edge not nearer the hole, and drop within two club-lengths. - If it is known or virtually certain a ball is lost in a blue stake area, no penalty: estimate where it crossed in, then drop a new ball for complete relief.	
NO FREE RELIEF FROM THESE		NEAREST POINT OF COMPLETE RELIEF	
- Individual tree standing in open space, even if the trunk is mulched. - Divots, whether repaired or not. - Unmarked drains, unless there is temporary water. - Out of Bounds & Boundary fences. - Unraked bunker sand left by another player.		Remember: it is the <i>nearest</i> point, not the <i>niciest</i> point. From there, drop within one club-length, not nearer the hole; it is not a choice of the best position or lie and may still leave a difficult shot. Complete relief allows the ball, stance and swing to be clear of the area causing interference	
TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES		READY GOLF & COURSE CARE	
- Preferred lies or tee up option can be declared on the notice board when conditions permit. - Preferred lies allow player to mark, lift and clean ball, and place by hand (not drop) within one club-length of original spot, not nearer the hole. - Tee up allows player to place ball on tee on nominated holes, including the fairway & rough.		- Play when safe, even if it is not your honour. - Keep up with the group in front and limit ball searches to 3 minutes. - Continue putting where practical and move off the green before marking scores. - Carry sand, repair divots and pitch marks, and rake bunkers. - Keep carts off tees and at least 10 m from greens, especially in wet conditions.	