



SOUTH WINCHESTER

Return to Competitive Golf at South Winchester Golf Club

Principles

- These principles are designed to allow competitive golf to be played in accordance with the various Covid 19 restrictions, consequently they include compromises. They will be reviewed regularly as the restrictions change.
- It is intended to re-start competitive golf at South Winchester GC, with initially 2 Stableford competitions per week. 1 on a Friday and 1 over weekend (alternating between Saturday and Sunday). These competitions will be Qualifiers
- Management of these competitions will be conducted via the IG Golf application.
- A decision has been taken to make all bunkers Abnormal Course Conditions (GUR) (to be reviewed by General Committee as situation unfolds). Free relief **MAY** be taken as per rule 16.1a and 16.1b not 16.1c.

Before the Round:

- Members wishing to participate in any competition should use the IG app/website to sign-up. When arriving at club, pro-shop team will register player at which time payment for competition will be deducted from members levy card. **It is imperative that all players report to Pro-shop prior to starting round. If you do not register at the pro-shop, you will not be entered.**
- Player will pick up card with appropriate precautions and enter information on card for player for whom they are marking card (competition, date, tee time, players name, markers name, players handicap, tees used).
- Driving range remains closed at this time and members will be informed by club with any change.
- Putting green is open with precautions – 6 people on at any one time, 2m apart, as per current guidelines.
- Start from the 1st.

During the Round

- General Committee have decided on a temporary code of conduct in line with current recommendations, which says you must not touch the flagstick. However, if you do there is no penalty.
- No gimmies, ball must go in the hole (albeit restricted by foam from reaching bottom of cup).
- All Bunkers are deemed to be part of the General Area and Abnormal Course Conditions (GUR).
- Players mark both player's and marker's score on card in normal fashion.
- IG app to be used to enter score either as the round progresses or on completion.

After the Round

- Once is round complete, player and marker to certify correct scores on both cards. Hole by hole, not just by total points and confirm the final score on the IG app.
- **Cards should be signed by the marker only.**
- Card put in the box in the normal way.
- Competition Secretary/Pro-shop to close the competition in the normal way.-This may take a little longer than normal

Proposed Start

- A trial was conducted on Saturday 6th June (test of IG app score entry), the first competitive rounds to be played on Saturday 13th June.
- Major and Board competitions: starting from August (to be confirmed).

Neal Apps, SWGC Competition Secretary
 Stephen Parrett, SWGC Captain
 Sue Gibbs SWGC Lady Captain
 Malcolm Berryman, SWGC Handicap Secretary

Clarification of temporary rule for taking relief from bunkers.

16.1a when Relief is Allowed

(1) Meaning of Interference by Abnormal Course Condition. Interference exists when any one of these is true:

- The player's ball touches or is in or on an abnormal course condition,
- An abnormal course condition physically interferes with the player's area of intended stance or area of intended swing, or
- Only when the ball is on the putting green, an abnormal course condition on or off the putting green intervenes on the line of play.

If the abnormal course condition is close enough to distract the player but does not meet any of these requirements, there is no interference under this Rule.

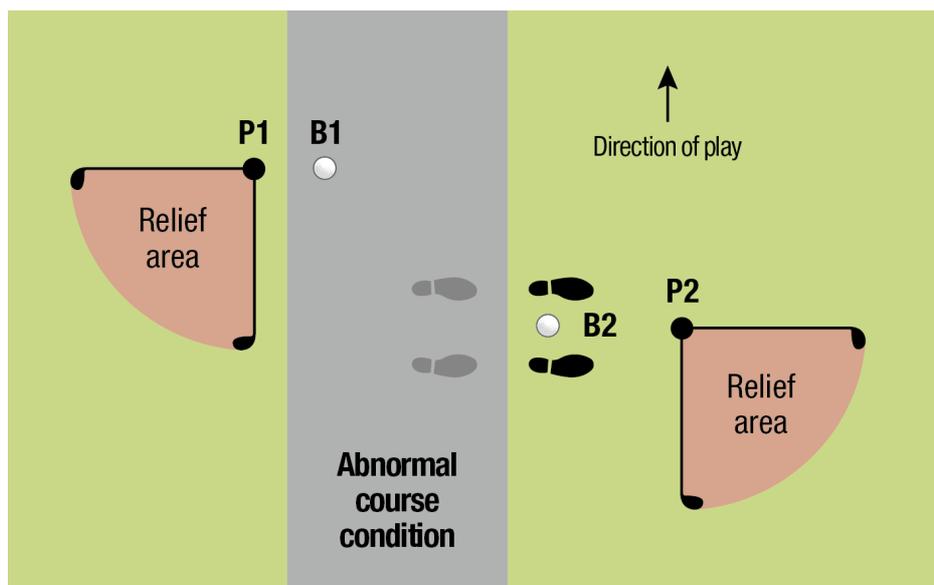


DIAGRAM 16.1a: WHEN RELIEF IS ALLOWED FOR ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION

The diagram assumes the player is right-handed. Free relief is allowed for interference by an abnormal course condition (ACC), including an immovable obstruction, when the ball touches or lies in or on the condition (B1), or the condition interferes with the area of intended stance (B2) or swing. The nearest point of complete relief for B1 is P1, and is very close to the condition. For B2, the nearest point of complete relief is P2, and is farther from the condition as the stance has to be clear of the ACC.

16.1b Relief for Ball in General Area

If the player's ball is in the general area and there is interference by an abnormal course condition on the course, (in this case any bunker) the player may take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

- Reference Point: **The nearest point of complete relief in the general area** (*).
- Size of the Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: One club-length, but with these limits:
- Limits on Location of the Relief Area:
 - Must be in the General Area
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point
 - There must be complete relief from the interference by the Abnormal Course Condition.

(*) Please note that the nearest point of complete relief may be at the back of the bunker up the slope.

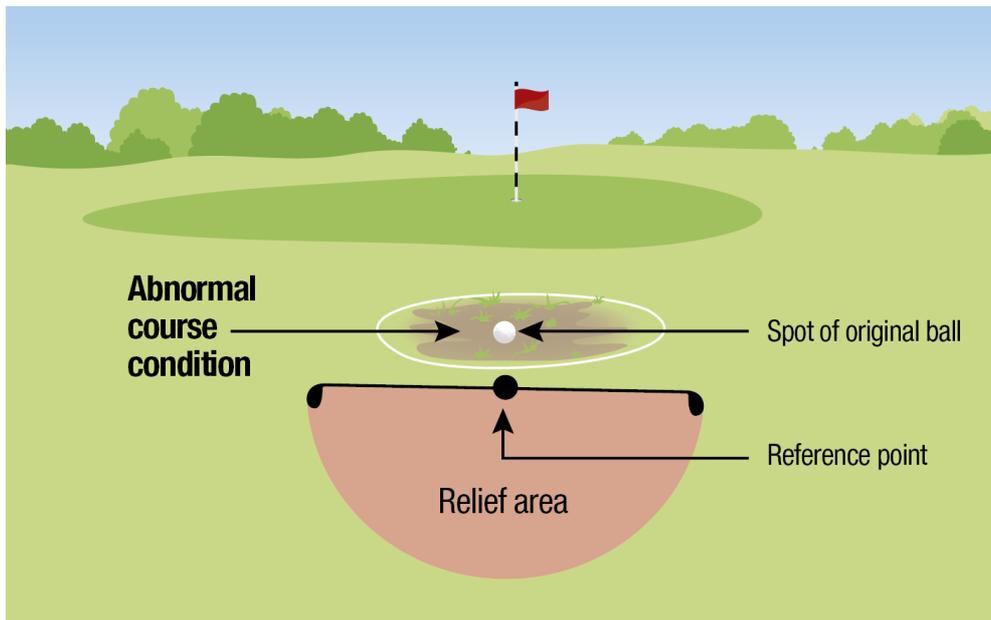


DIAGRAM 16.1b: FREE RELIEF FROM ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION IN GENERAL AREA

Free relief is allowed when the ball is in the general area and there is interference by an abnormal course condition. The nearest point of complete relief should be identified and a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area. The relief area is one club-length from the reference point, is not nearer to the hole than the reference point and must be in the general area. When taking relief, the player must take complete relief from all interference by the abnormal course condition.