

## **Players Club Local Rules**

The committee has discussed the local rules which can be applied to all games played by our club, unless the club is playing within the competition of another club.

### **Preferred lies**

In general, preferred lies are not to be taken on the fairways. Exceptions to this are where;

- The ball lies in an unrepaired or poorly repaired divot.
- Abnormal course conditions apply – see rule 16. This Rule covers free relief that is allowed from interference by animal holes, ground under repair, immovable obstructions or temporary water:

### **Bollards**

Collier Park has introduced a large number of wooden bollards bordering the rough on a number of holes. Collier has not clarified the purpose of these bollards. The committee has decided that these DO NOT constitute GUR unless they are linked together with rope or GUR signs are posted inside the area.

### **Near Greens sprinklers.**

In the case where your ball lies in the apron or fringe of the green which is cut short enough that putting from off the green is likely to be a common practice, then relief may be taken if a sprinkler head is;

On your line of play and within two club lengths of the green and within two club lengths of the ball

### **Smooth and place in bunkers**

Because the club largely plays on public courses where bunkers are often not well raked. We have a smooth and place rule which allows the player to lift the ball smooth the sand with the back the hand and place the ball as near as possible to where it originally lied.

This rule does not apply when playing on private and semi-private courses – where standard rules of golf apply.

### **Ball taken by outside interference**

Below is a reminder of the official rule when your ball is taken by some nefarious being. A number of questions have been raised to the committee especially after playing at Marrangaroo (Crows) and at Sea View (people)

If it is known or virtually certain that an outside influence lifted or moved your ball there is no penalty. The ball must be replaced on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated).

### **Alternative Lost Ball option**

"When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.

For [two penalty strokes](#), the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

#### Two Estimated Reference Points:

- (a) Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have:
  - Come to rest on the course, or
  - Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.
- (b) Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

This set of videos on the R&A website is really good <https://www.randa.org/Rules-Essentials>