



Boyd Quaich

Memorial Golf Tournament
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Additional Local Rule

Model Local Rule F-23 - Temporary Immovable Obstructions

A temporary immovable obstruction (TIO) is a structure that is temporarily added on or next to the course, usually for a particular competition, and is fixed or not readily movable. Examples of TIOs are temporary tents, scoreboards, grandstands, television towers and toilets. TIOs include any supporting guy wires connected to them.

The outermost edge of the TIO is used in determining whether a ball is under the TIO or whether the TIO is on the player's line of sight between the ball and the hole. Lines or stakes may be used to define the edges of a TIO or to connect multiple TIOs into a single, larger TIO.

A TIO is different from an immovable obstruction and this Local Rule provides additional relief from interference by a TIO. This means that the player can choose to take relief by using either:

- The procedure for taking relief from an abnormal course condition in [Rule 16](#) as if the TIO were an immovable obstruction (this relief is also available when the ball lies in a penalty area or when the TIO is out of bounds), or
- The additional relief option available under this Local Rule.

a. When Relief Is Allowed

Relief from a TIO is normally allowed when there is physical interference or line of sight interference from the TIO.

Interference under this Local Rule means that the player has:

- Physical interference,
- Line of sight interference, or
- Both physical and line of sight interference.

(1) Physical interference exists when:

- The player's ball touches or lies in or on a TIO, or
- The TIO interferes with the player's area of intended stance or area of intended swing.

(2) Line of sight interference exists when:

- The player's ball touches or lies in, on or under a TIO, or
- The TIO is on the player's line of sight to the hole (that is, the TIO is located on the straight line between the ball and the hole), or
- The ball is within one club-length, measured on an equidistant arc from the hole, of a spot where the TIO would be on the player's direct line of sight to the hole (this one club-length wide area is commonly referred to as the "corridor").

(3) When No Relief Is Available Despite Having Interference. If the ball touches or is in or on the TIO, relief is always available.

But when the ball neither touches nor is in or on the TIO, there is no relief under this Local Rule if any of the following applies:

- From either physical interference or line of sight interference:
 - There is no relief when playing the ball as it lies would clearly be unreasonable because of something other than the TIO (such as when the player is unable to make a stroke because of where the ball lies in a bush outside the TIO), and
 - There is no relief when interference exists only because the player chooses a club, type of stance or swing or direction of play that is clearly unreasonable under the circumstances; and
- From line of sight interference:
 - There is no relief when it is clearly unreasonable for a player to play the ball far enough that the ball will reach the TIO, and
 - There is no relief when the player cannot show that there is a stroke that he or she could reasonably play that would both (a) have the TIO (including the corridor) on the line of that stroke, and (b) result in the ball finishing on a direct line to the hole.

b. Relief from Interference for Ball in General Area

If the player's ball is in the general area and there is interference by a TIO (including a TIO located out of bounds), the player may take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: The nearest point of complete relief where both physical and line of sight interference no longer exist.
- Size of Relief Area from Reference Point: The entire area within one club length from the reference point, but with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
 - Must be in the general area,
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
 - There must be complete relief from both physical and line of sight interference by the TIO.

If the player has physical interference from the TIO, instead of using this relief procedure he or she may choose to take relief using the procedure for taking relief from an abnormal course condition in Rule 16.1b, treating the TIO as if it were an immovable obstruction. The relief procedure under Rule 16.1b is also available when the ball lies in a penalty area or when the TIO is out of bounds. See Clause f of this Local Rule for how to take relief.

c. Relief from Interference for Ball in Bunker or Penalty Area.

If the player's ball is in a bunker or a penalty area and there is interference by a TIO (including a TIO located out of bounds), the player may take either free relief or penalty relief:

(1) Free Relief: Playing from Bunker or Penalty Area.

The player may take free relief as provided in Clause b, except that the nearest point of complete relief where interference no longer exists, and the relief area must be in that bunker or penalty area.

If there is no such point in that bunker or penalty area where interference no longer exists, the player may still take this relief as provided above by using the point of maximum available relief in the bunker or the penalty area as the reference point.

(2) Penalty Relief: Playing from Outside Bunker or Penalty Area. For one penalty stroke, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in and play it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: The nearest point of complete relief not nearer the hole where both physical and line of sight interference no longer exist that is outside that bunker or penalty area.
- Size of Relief Area from Reference Point: The entire area one club-length from the reference point, but with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
 - Any area of the course other than in that bunker or penalty area or on any putting green,
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
 - There must be complete relief from both physical and line of sight interference by the TIO.

If the player has physical interference from the TIO, instead of using this relief procedure he or she may choose to take relief using the procedure for taking relief from an abnormal course condition in Rule 16.1b, treating the TIO as if it were an immovable obstruction. The relief procedure under Rule 16.1b is also available when the ball lies in a penalty area or when the TIO is out of bounds. See Clause f of this Local Rule for how to take relief.

d. Relief When Ball in TIO Not Found

If the player's ball has not been found but is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a TIO:

- The player may take relief under this Local Rule by using the estimated point where the ball last crossed the edge of the TIO on the course as the spot of the ball for purposes of finding the nearest point of complete relief.
- Once the player puts another ball in play to take relief in this way:
 - The original ball is no longer in play and must not be played.
 - This is true even if it is then found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b)

But if it is not known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in the TIO, the player must play under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.2).

e. Committee Authority to Modify TIO Relief Procedures

When adopting this Local Rule, the Committee may modify the relief procedures in Clauses b and c in either or both of the following ways:

(1) Optional or Mandatory Use of Dropping Zones. The Committee may permit or require a player to use a dropping zone as the relief area for taking relief under this Local Rule. When doing so, the Committee may add the dropping zone for relief from only physical interference or only line of sight interference or it may be used for relief from both types of interference.

(2) "Either Side" Relief Option. The Committee may permit the player the option to take relief on the other side of a TIO in addition to the relief options allowed under Clauses b and c of this

Local Rule. But the Committee may provide that either side relief is not allowed if the player is taking relief using the procedures in Rule 16.1.

f. Player May Proceed Under Other Relief Rules

(1) Taking Relief by Using the Procedures in Rule 16.1 or this Local Rule. If a player has physical interference from the TIO as defined in Clause a, the player may either:

- Choose to use the relief procedures in Rule 16.1 or
- Use this Local Rule.
- But may not take relief under one of these options and then take relief under

the other.

If the player chooses to use the procedure for taking relief from an abnormal course condition in Rule 16.1, he or she must treat the TIO as if it is an immovable obstruction and take relief based on where the ball lies:

- In the general area using the procedures in Rule 16.1b.
- In a bunker using the procedures in Rule 16.1c.
- In a penalty area using the procedures in Rule 16.1c as if the ball lies in a bunker.
- On the putting green using the procedures in Rule 16.1d.

(2) Taking Relief under Rule 17, 18 or 19. This Local Rule does not prevent the player from taking relief under Rule 17, 18 or 19 rather than taking TIO relief under this Local Rule.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.



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Old Course – Local Rules

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

- (a) Beyond any wall, fence or line of white posts bounding the course.
- (b) Beyond the Swilcan Burn on the right of the 1st hole and beyond the stakes on the right of the 1st and 2nd holes.
- (c) Beyond the fence behind the 18th green and 1st tee and on or over the white line between sections of this fence.

NOTE: The posts on the right of the 12th and 13th holes do not define a boundary on the Old Course and are Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1 applies).

2. Penalty Areas (Rule 17.1)

- (a) Those parts of the Swilcan Burn which are marked with yellow stakes are yellow penalty areas.
- (b) Those parts of the Swilcan Burn which are marked with red stakes are red penalty areas.

3. Abnormal Course Conditions (Rule 16.1)

(a) Ground Under Repair

(i) There are areas of damaged turf caused by the removal of Open Championship infrastructure. These areas will not be marked, but should be treated as Ground Under Repair and would include where trackway has been removed causing large areas to be rutted.

(ii) Any areas marked as Ground Under Repair and/or surrounded by a white line.

(iii) Relief from seams of cut turf: If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing:

(a) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

(b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.

All seams within an area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

(iii) Aeration holes: If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

(a) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.

(b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.

(b) Immovable Obstructions

(i) To include march stones and the white stakes to the right of the 12th and 13th holes which define a boundary for the Eden Course only.

(ii) All artificially surfaced roads and paths with the exception of the road crossing the 1st and 18th holes and the road and path behind the 17th green from the two black and yellow posts onwards.

(iii) To include the netting attached to any bunker face on the course.

(c) **Embedded Ball**

Rule 16.3 is modified in this way: No free relief is allowed for a ball embedded in the stacked turf face above a bunker.

4. Integral Objects

(a) The road crossing the 1st and 18th holes and the road and path behind the 17th green from the two black and yellow posts onwards are integral objects and the ball must be played as it lies or declared unplayable.

(b) There are areas where turf, bushes or the like have been removed to create a bare sand area. These areas are not bunkers and, consequently, Rule 12.2 does not apply.

(c) Areas of rough that are enclosed in posts and ropes are to be treated as integral objects and the ball played as it lies. Players should not take trolleys into these areas.

5. Bunkers (Rule 12)

Stones in bunker – before playing a ball in a bunker, a player may remove loose impediments under Rule 12.2a.

6. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs)

(a) Model Local Rule F-23 applies, please see separate document.

(b) The Grandstands behind the 2nd green and 6th green and TV towers at the 2nd green, 5th green, 8th green and 15th fairway - relief is available either side of these TIO's.

7. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and of the line of play:

Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:

On the line of play, and is:

(a) Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and

(b) Within two club-lengths of the ball.

Exception – No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable.

There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

**Penalty for playing ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule 6:
General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.**

Penalty for breach of Local Rules: two strokes.



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New Course - Local Rules

1 Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

- (a) Beyond any wall or fence bounding the course.
- (b) Beyond the line of white stakes on the left of the 9th hole.
- (c) The gravelled TV compound to the left of the 15th hole as defined by white stakes.
- (d) Beyond the white line to the back of the 18th green.

2 Abnormal Course Conditions (Rule 16.1)

(a) Ground Under Repair

(i) There are areas of damaged turf caused by the removal of Open Championship infrastructure. These areas will not be marked, but should be treated as Ground Under Repair and would include where trackway has been removed causing large areas to be rutted.

(ii) Any areas marked as Ground Under Repair and/or surrounded by a white line.

(iii) Relief from seams of cut turf: If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing:

(c) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

(d) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance. All seams within an area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the

ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

(iv) Aeration holes: If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

(c) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.

(d) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.

(b) Immovable Obstructions

To include staked trees, march stones and all artificially surfaced roads and paths.

(c) Embedded ball

Rule 16.3 is modified in this way: No free relief is allowed for a ball embedded in the stacked turf face above a bunker.

3 Integral Objects

- (a) There are areas (left of 6th and 7th, between 11th and 12th and to the right of the 14th and 15th holes) where turf, bushes or the like have been removed to create a bare sand area. These areas are not bunkers and, consequently, Rule 12.2 does not apply.

4 Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs)

(a) Model Local Rule F-23 applies. please see separate document.

(b) If a ball is in the grandstand to the left of the approach and green on the 8th hole, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball has not been found and came to rest in the area, the player may:

- (i) Take free relief under Rule 16.1 or

- (ii) For physical interference only (not line of sight relief), two DZ's have been put in at the start and end of the area and players may take free relief by dropping in the nearest dropping zone, as defined by a white circle (whether nearer the hole or not). Dropping Zone is relief under Rule 14.3.
- (c) The Scoreboards to the left of the 8th fairway and to the left of the 5th green - relief is available either side of these TIO's.

5 Bunkers (Rule 12)

Stones in bunker – before playing a ball in a bunker, a player may remove loose impediments under Rule 12.2a.

6 Immovable obstructions close to putting green

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play:

Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:

On the line of play, and is:

- (a) Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
- (b) Within two club-lengths of the ball.

Exception – No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable.

There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

Penalty for playing ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule 5: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.

Penalty for breach of Local Rules: two strokes.