

# PAROW GOLF CLUB

## LOCAL RULES

### CODE OF CONDUCT (RULE 1.2)

A Code of Conduct, with penalties for a breach of its standards is adopted by the Committee. See separate document.

### OUT OF BOUNDS (RULE 18-2)

- Beyond all boundary fences or white stakes (or lines) bounding the course.
- The dam and workshop to the right of the 1st tee (marked with white stakes)
- The Club House area, including the practise green, patio, practise chipping area and gardens adjacent to these areas (marked with white stakes).
- Out of Bounds fence is the **inner** fence closest to the course.
- Parow Club has decided **not** to implement the new (2019) Out of Bounds Local Rule – this implies that the stroke and distance rule is in place.

### ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (INCLUDING IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS) (RULE 16)

- GUR.

Any area encircled by a white line or marked GUR.

Ground under repair includes large bare patches in areas cut to fairway height or less (even when not marked as GUR)

GUR marked with a sign right of 18<sup>th</sup> green. A Drop Zone is available as an additional option under Rule 16.1.

The Nursery on right of 1<sup>st</sup> must be treated as GUR and free relief must be taken.

- The General Area. Free relief is allowed for interference by a **deep** rut caused by a vehicle.
- Gardens. Gardens are **No Play Zones** and relief **must be taken** as provided for when a ball comes to rest in a **garden** - Gardens planted by occupants on the left of the dam at the 11<sup>th</sup> are included.
- Trees. Young trees identified by **white** stakes are **No Play Zones** and relief **must be taken** as provided for when a ball comes to rest near a **tree** (including their bowls) marked with a **stake** (including a support structure), **wind protection stake**, resulting in interference with the player's intended stance or area of intended swing.

- **Immovable Obstructions**

**All roads and paths** on the course, even if not artificially-surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1)

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 for a ball on the **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.

**Bridges** on the course are deemed Immovable Obstructions and free relief is allowed.

**Tree Roots (Model Local Rule F-9-2)**. If a player's ball is in the general area and there is interference from exposed tree roots that are in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less or **within two club lengths from the fairway in the rough**, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b. Relief is denied if interference only exists for the player's stance. Relief is denied if it is clearly unreasonable to play the ball as it lies due to something other than the tree root.(Rule 16.1a)

- **Embedded Ball (Rule 16.3)**

**Ball Must Be Embedded in General Area**. Relief is allowed under Rule 16.3b only when a player's ball is embedded in the general area.

**Exceptions – When Relief Not Allowed for Ball Embedded in General Area:** Relief under Rule 16.3b is not allowed:

- When the ball is embedded **in sand in a part of the general area** that is not cut to fairway height or less, or
- When interference by anything other than the ball being embedded makes the **stroke clearly unreasonable** (for example, when a player is unable to make a stroke because of where the ball lies in a bush).

## **PROVISIONAL BALL (MODEL LOCAL RULE B-3)**

(Under Rule 18.3 a player is **not** allowed to play a provisional ball if it is known or virtually certain that his/her ball is in a penalty area. In unusual cases the Committee, to save time, may choose to modify Rule 18.3. Parow Club has chosen to **modify** the rule as follows for **Hole 17**):

If a player does not know whether his or her ball is in the penalty area in front of **hole 17**, the player may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3, which is modified in this way:

In playing the provisional ball, the player may use the stroke-and-distance relief option (see Rule 17.1d(1)), the back-on-the-line relief option (see Rule 17.1d(2)) or, if it is a red penalty area, the lateral relief option (see Rule 17.1d(3)).

Once the player has played a provisional ball under this Rule, he or she may not use any further options under Rule 17.1 in relation to the original ball.

In deciding when that provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play or if it must or may be abandoned, Rule 18.3c(2) and 18.3c(3) apply except that:

- When Original Ball Is Found in Penalty Area Within Three-Minute Search Time. The player may choose either to:
  - **Continue to play the original ball** as it lies in the penalty area, in which case the provisional ball must not be played. All strokes with that provisional ball before it was abandoned (including strokes made and any penalty strokes solely from playing that ball) do not count, or
  - **Continue to play the provisional ball** in which case the original ball must not be played.
- When Original Ball Is Not Found Within Three-Minute Search Time or Is Known or Virtually Certain to Be in Penalty Area. The provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play.

## **SCORECARD RESPONSIBILITIES**

The committee choose to modify Rule 3.3b(4) to require players to show their handicap (HI, Course Handicap and Playing handicap) on the scorecard.

### **HANDICAP (RULE 3) – Committee Procedures, Section 5A (1)**

In a handicap competition, the player will play the duration of a competition on the official handicap index as at the beginning of the competition.

### **RETURNING OF SCORE CARD (RULE 3 – Committee Procedures, Section 5A (5))**

A player's scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when the player has left the Pro Shop.

### **DECIDING TIES (Count Out) (RULE 3 – Committee Procedures, Section 5A (6))**

In the event of a tie, the Count Out will be as follows:

- On Uneven Days: The First nine hole score will decide the winner (hole 1 to 9).
  - On Even Days: The Second nine hole score will decide the winner (hole 10 to 18).
- Further ties will be determined by count-out (sudden death from hole 1 – 18 eg Stroke 1 – no winner, then Stroke 2, etc)

- Club Championship will be decided by a play-off in the event of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup>. The play-off will commence on Hole 18 and will be played until one player is the clear winner.
- All other ties will be counted in from lowest to highest handicap.

## **LIABILITY**

Parow Golf Club does not warrant or guarantee the safety of any person. Parow Golf Club will not be held responsible for any damages, loss, including personal loss and or other forms of loss, harm or injury sustained as stipulated below:

- Physical and/or emotional injuries suffered during the tournament, due to any acts of God, suffered as a direct result thereof, including aspects such as being struck by lightning, etc.
- Physical injuries of any kind suffered by any person, including a player or spectator sustained by own negligence, or otherwise.
- Emotional injuries sustained due to any loss, including death, suffered as a result of any of the above injuries sustained personally or by spectator.
- Damages suffered to any property of a player.

## **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES**

**Stroke Play:** General Penalty (2 strokes)

**Match Play:** Loss of hole

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Plus Handicaps** – Holes 16 (stroke 10) 3 (Stroke 5) 12 (stroke 2) 6 (Stroke 1) 10 (Stroke 15) 4 (Stroke 15)

Obey the Course Marshals at all times.

Please repair divots and pitch marks.

Rake bunkers

All distances are marked to the centre of the green

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