

Cooroy Golf Club – Local Rules

1. Relief under Rule 16.1a (Interference by Abnormal Course Conditions including Immovable Obstructions) may be taken from the following:
NOTE: Read Rule 16.1a as to correct procedure and be aware that intervention of the line of play is not, of itself, interference under this rule.
 - a. Fixed sprinkler heads;
 - b. Staked trees and staked shrubs;
 - c. Constructed cart paths, gravel intended as cart paths and associated bollards;
 - d. Exposed drainage pipes (in the general area);
 - e. Protective screens and portable toilets;
 - f. Bordered garden beds;
 - g. Areas marked with white stakes or lines as G.U.R.;
 - h. Penalty area pegs, permanent signs and distance markers;
 - i. The cart sheds and cement or gravel areas between those sheds adjacent to the 16th fairway. **Note:** the adjoining greenkeepers compound is out of bounds.
 - j. Rocks set as a watercourse (and not in a penalty area) on the 4th, 6th & 10th holes.
 - k. Any exposed tree root outside 1 club length from the trunk of the tree, when the ball lies on or against the root or the root interferes with the intended swing. Relief is **NOT PERMITTED** for interference of stance only.
2. Bridges and culverts are considered in the penalty area when inside penalty area lines and/or stakes.
3. When playing the 18th hole a ball coming to rest **in bounds behind the green** but lying in or against the following **MUST** be lifted and played from the drop zone provided without penalty.
 - a. Cemented areas
 - b. Paved areas
 - c. Bordered garden beds
 - d. Practise green & surrounds
 - e. Clubhouse
 - f. Cart sheds
 - g. Car parks

Note: If the player's stance or swing is also impacted the drop zone **MUST** be used.

4. Temporary stakes, ropes and cart direction signs are moveable obstruction and may be removed but must be replaced. Dropping away is not permitted.
5. Devices that measure distance only may be used.
6. Abnormal ground conditions: Rule 16
 - a. Bare patches on **CLOSELY MOWN** fairways only;
 - b. Ants nests in the general area that are in direct contact with the ball;
 - c. Black plastic underlay in the general area. **Note:** relief is given only when the ball lies on or touches **VISIBLE** black plastic underlay. Relief with a player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under this rule.
 - d. A ball coming to rest in the edging groove around the green may be lifted under rule 16.1d and placed as near as possible to its original position no nearer the hole without penalty. Relief with a player's stance, swing path or line of sight is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under this rule.
7. No Play Zones
 - ❖ Areas of the golf course from where relief without penalty **IS COMPULSORY.**
 - ❖ Correct procedure (relief) under the rules of golf must be adhered to.
 - ❖ Relief is only permitted from these areas, be they specific garden beds or white lined areas due for maintenance, when they are **CLEARLY SIGNPOSTED.**
8. Prompt Pace of Play: Rule 5.6b

The committee has adopted a Pace of Play policy that states a round of golf should be completed in 4 hours 20 minutes (2 hours out, 2 hours 20 minutes in). There are in place penalties for breaches of this policy. For full details please refer to the Pace of Play Policy on display in the clubhouse and on the website.

History of Changes

Effective Date	Version	Change Summary	Reason
7/8/2023	9.0	Rule 1 amended to include item k regarding tree roots. Rule 7 added regarding No Play Zones. Previous Rule 7 renumbered as Rule 8. Rules 3, 4 & 5 renumbered.	To cater for relief from exposed tree roots and No Play Zones. Rules renumbered to improve formatting.
19/05/2023	8.0	Rule 5 amended to include stance and swing.	To clarify the use of Rule 5.
2/5/2022	7.0	Rule 6 amended to include item d regarding edging grooves around the greens.	To cater for the edging grooves around the greens.
9/10/2020	6.0	Rule 1 amended to include item J regarding rocks on 3 holes.	To cater for the recently installed rock watercourses.
1/7/2019	5.0	Rule 7 added to incorporate reference to pace of play policy. Minor change to rule 1 to use correct terminology.	Pace of play policy introduced to help manage slow play.
1/1/2019	4.0	Removal of local rules now covered by the rules of golf. Minor changes to reflect the new rule numbering system.	To align the local rules with the 2019 rules of golf.
7/8/2018	3.0	Rule 1 amended to include cart path bollards, portable toilets and distance makers and removal of orange stakes.	To add previously omitted items and remove an item that is no longer used.
16/2/2018	2.0	Rules 6 & 7 combined and expanded to clarify the use of the drop zone behind the 18 th green.	Changes to the course boundary around the club house area required clarification of the use of the drop zone at the 18 th green.