



# BASIC RULES of PITCH & PUTT



**Maximum of three clubs** (one of which must be a Putter) permitted for use.

The **General Area** is the whole area of the course **except** the teeing area and putting green of the hole being played and all bunkers and penalty areas.

**Practice:** On any day or days of a competition, or during any format of competition itself, players **must not practice within the boundaries of the course**.

PENALTY: **DQ**

**Between the play of two holes** a player must not make a practice stroke, except on the putting green of the last hole played, provided he or she does not unduly delay play.

PENALTY **1 Stroke**

**The Teeing Area** for the hole to be played is **common for all players**.

If the starting place is a mat, the defined area of the “teeing area” is the mat itself.

The “**stipulated round**” consists of **playing the holes** of the course **in their correct sequence** unless otherwise authorised by the Committee. If a player, when starting a hole, plays a ball from **wrong teeing area or outside the teeing area** / mat, he or she shall incur a **penalty of one stroke**. If the player **does not correct** the mistake before making a stroke to begin another hole, he or she is **disqualified**.

**The use of a Tee** on the Teeing Area is **obligatory**.

The minimum height of the device is **5 mm**.

**Pace of Play:** The maximum time allocated per stroke is 30 seconds. An individual player may be timed instead of the entire group. The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, it is his or her turn and he or she is able to play without interference or distraction.

When a player’s ball lies in a part of the **general area cut to fairway height or less**, the player **may repair pitch mark** damage, without penalty.

If the position of a **ball, in any place** on the course, **interferes** with the stance, swing or line of play of another player, the ball **must be marked and lifted** if so requested and subsequently **replaced**. The ball shall **not be cleaned**.

**No club except a putter may be used on a putting green** except if during the normal course of play the club is damaged. The player may finish the stipulated round with either of his or her other clubs, or substitute the putter for another without causing undue delay.

**Ball on the Green:** If any **old hole plug interferes** with the line of play then the ball may be marked, lifted and placed at the **nearest point of relief**, no nearer the hole, **without penalty**.

“**Wrong Green**”. A ball lying on a putting green other than that of the hole being played **must** be lifted and dropped without penalty within one club-length of the nearest point of relief - but not nearer the hole.

Players should **avoid damaging** the hole when removing or replacing the flagstick or removing the ball from the hole. The head of a club should not be used to remove the ball from the hole, nor should players lean on their clubs while on the putting green.

When the play of a **hole** has been **completed**, players should **immediately leave** the putting green and mark their cards at the next tee.

If a player **returns a score** for any hole **lower than actually played**, or **fails to record a score** for any hole, the player shall be **disqualified**. A score higher than actually played shall stand.

## Pitch and Putt Local Rules 2025

**Out of Bounds:** Over and beyond any margin marked by **WHITE** Stakes / Lines, any other boundary fence or beyond any hedges defining the Boundary of the course. The course-side edge of the road connecting the course with the Clubhouse defines the boundary of the course, even if not marked.

**Ground Under Repair - G.U.R:** All areas marked with **BLUE** Stakes and/or **WHITE** Lines are Ground Under Repair and are No Play Zones. The Player must take a Free Relief. This is also true if the area interferes with the player's stance or intentional movement.

**Abnormal Course Condition:** Any casual water, ground under repair or unusual damage to the ground surface caused by animals, vehicles or persons. Except when the ball is in a "penalty area", a player may obtain free relief when a ball lies in or touches an ACC or when such a condition interferes with the player's stance or swing. Only when the ball is on the "putting green", interference exists when an "abnormal ground condition" intervenes on the "line of play".

**Use of a Tee** on the Teeing Area is obligatory.

**Pace of Play:** The maximum time allocated per stroke is 30 seconds. A Provisional Ball should be played if the player considers the original ball may be lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds.

**Loose Impediments:** Sand and loose soil are loose impediments on the putting green and the "General Area". Dew and frost are not loose impediments.

The **head of a club must not be used to remove the ball from the hole**, nor should players **lean on their clubs** while on the putting green.

**Suspension of Play:** A player may not discontinue play unless authorised or if play is suspended for all by the Committee. Competitors playing a hole when play is suspended may only continue play of that hole but only if feasible without delay.