

Trentham Park Golf Club Winter Rules

These rules will apply when course conditions warrant them throughout the year, always check with the Pro Shop before playing.

Depending on conditions England Golf suggest this could be between 1st October to 30th April but very much on our own circumstances.

It is the player's responsibility to ensure that they are aware of the playing conditions in force when they play.

Preferred Lies (outside of the period for compulsory use of mats – see below) MLR E-3

When any part of a player's ball touches part of the general area cut to fairway height or less the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point 6 inches **but** with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point,
 - and ◦ Must be in the general area.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e. **But**, for the purposes of applying Rule 14.2e, the player has only chosen the spot on which to place the ball once the ball has been set down, and the player has let the ball go with the intent for that ball to be in play. After a ball has been placed and is in play under this Local Rule, if the player then proceeds under another Rule that provides relief, this Local Rule may be used again.

When a Player's Ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball and playing it from this relief area: -

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from the Reference Point: 6 inches from the reference point,

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
- Must be in the general area cut to fairway height or less.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e. 2024

Compulsory Use Of Fairway Mats MLR E-12

TPGC Will announce the start and finish dates for any periods when Fairway Mats must be used. This could be by various means such as Newsletter, Website, Signage and by asking in the Pro Shop.

Fairway mats are compulsory when your ball lies in the General Area cut to fairway height or less and be of commercial use in nature.

Acceptable Scores may be returned in competitions and in general play when there is a Local Rule in place requiring the compulsory use of fairway mats to protect the natural surfaces of the course. The use of fairway mats is not allowed within the teeing area, as this would breach Rule of Golf 6.2b(2) and 6.2b(3).

Please note that the mats used should be plain (see images) and may not have lines which help with alignment as they would then be considered a training aid.

Acceptable



Not Acceptable



Fairway mats are compulsory when your ball lies in the General Area cut to fairway height or less.

When a player's ball lies within the above limits in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less and a putter is not being used for the stroke, the player must take free relief by lifting the original ball and placing the original ball or another ball on an artificial mat and play it from there. The mat must be placed on top of the spot where the ball came to rest. If a ball when placed rolls off the mat, the player must try to place it a second time. If the ball again does not stay on the mat, the mat must be moved to the nearest spot, not nearer the hole, where the ball will come to rest on the mat when placed. If the ball on the mat is accidentally moved before a stroke is made, there is no penalty and the ball must be placed again on the mat. If a tee is used to secure the mat into the ground, the ball must not be placed on the tee.

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

Relief in Bunkers

Except in qualifying competitions, or when scoring a “General Play card” for handicapping purposes, if your ball is in a bunker, you may without penalty mark your ball, lift and clean it, rake the bunker and place (not drop) the ball as near as possible to the position from which it was lifted. Please re-rake the bunker before moving on.

Bunker Filled with Temporary Water MLR F-16

Scores are still acceptable for handicap purposes when bunkers have been individually marked as ground under repair, with relief taken under Rule 16.1. This would apply for situations such as severe or prolonged wet weather, or during maintenance work. A Marked Bunker filled with water is treated as ground under repair in the general area. It is not treated as a bunker during the round. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b. All other bunkers on the course, whether they contain temporary water or not, are still bunkers for all purposes under the Rules.

13th Hole Winter Tee.

To avoid confusion during the use of the winter tee to the right of the track on the 13th Hole, the internal out of bounds does not apply. A shot not clearing the track should be played as it lies. A ball coming to rest on the track shall be deemed out of bounds

Areas Defined by Small White Posts With A Green Top

For any ball coming to rest near the Green & White posts and the post interferes with your intended swing, relief may be taken as per rule 15-2, i.e. full relief plus one club length. **The posts must not be removed and are there to divert you around them.**

Winter Wheels (Dates as notified by the Club).

During the period of Adverse/Extreme Weather Conditions being in force, all battery-operated trolleys must be fitted with winter wheels or winter wheel adaptation kits. No battery operated trolley will be allowed on the course using smooth surfaced (summer) wheels. The Winter Rules restriction does not apply to standard pull/push trolleys. If you do not have any winter wheels these can be loaned (when available) from the Pro Shop or from time to time you can purchase them at favourable rates. **General Care of The Course**

Temporary Greens – Compulsory Relief

When a player's ball comes to rest on a temporary green and it is not the green to which they are playing to, the player must mark the ball, lift and drop it within one club length of the nearest point of relief.

To help maintain the course in good condition during these adverse weather conditions and for your own safety: