

Competitions & Handicaps

General Notice

For all competition formats other than singles, you MUST know your handicap index before going to sign in at the Pro-shop. Your handicap is your responsibility.

New members (including renewing past members, lapsed members): who have provided insufficient previous golfing history and have been allocated a handicap index by means of submitting 3 scorecards, must have returned a further 10 Competition/General Play scorecards incorporating the full Rules of Golf before being entitled to win 1st prize in a club competition. To win competition prizes other than 1st you must have 8 scorecards returned. If in this case, your competition score is not eligible to receive a prize, you will be refunded your competition entry.

Your scorecard must always have the name of your marker that can verify your score on your card and include the date and the colour of markers played, finished with two signatures.

You must have a reasonable understanding of the Rules of Golf and be familiar with our Local Rules on the back of the scorecard. *Some new members play in their own bubble and do not get the benefit of playing with a more experienced golfer who has good knowledge of the rules.*

Some tales have been making their way back to committees from incidents witnessed on the course. Some are briefly covered below.

A bush is not a hazard, it is an integral part of the course. If you must take a penalty-drop from the bush, the point that your ball entered the bush has no significance to your next move. What you decide to do next is all done from where the ball came to rest in the bush.

Taking a two-club length penalty drop is done from where the ball is at rest, and the ball must be dropped within the two club lengths.

If at some point on the course under the Rules of Golf you have free relief (no penalty), free relief is one club length from a designated spot, dropping inside the club length.

Free relief from Ground Under Repair, is one club length from the white line denoting GUR, dropping inside the measured club length not nearer to the hole.

Free relief for a ball landing on a green on a hole other than the one you are playing; you take relief from the nearest point off the green not nearer to the intended hole.

If when playing the 13th hole your drive or any other shot on the hole enters the practice ground, you cannot play your ball back in as it is out of bounds. The previous shot must be retaken.

If your ball enters a water hazard (penalty area), where the ball finishes in the water has no significance. The point that your ball enters a water hazard is the point that you use to determine your penalty drop. Note that the point of entry on a water hazard marked with yellow stakes has a totally different ruling than red stakes. Details on all the above can be found at [The R&A - Rules of Golf \(randa.org\)](http://The R&A - Rules of Golf (randa.org))

All Rules advice and queries can be had from Robert Giles who is an R&A Level 2 Rules Referee.

Note, there are General Notices to members posted on the noticeboard that members should be aware of.

Competition & Handicap Committees