

Priors Hall Golf Club

Local Rules

1. Placing on fairways
Placing will be in operation unless otherwise stated in the Competition Book. A ball lying in the fairway, may be lifted, cleaned and placed within six inches of where it originally lay, not nearer the hole, without penalty.
2. Water Hazards
The area marked by red stakes on the right hand side of the 1st, 9th, 11th, 12th and 13th fairways and the ditch on the left of the 16th and 17th fairways are deemed to be Lateral Water Hazards in which rule 26 applies.
All other areas, marked by yellow stakes, whether water filled or not are deemed to be water hazards in which rule 26 applies.
3. Out of Bounds
A ball is out of bounds if it comes to rest in or beyond the ditches marked by white posts. This applies to the left of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 13th, 14th and 15th holes. Also to the left of the 3rd, 6th, 16th and 17th holes.
Out of bounds also applies to the full length of the 18th on the left in line or beyond with the white posts
4. Drains
A ball lying on any stone filled drain may be lifted, cleaned and dropped within one club length, not nearer the hole, on the rough side without penalty.
5. The Parley Burn
The ditch known as the "Parley Burn" on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th holes is a water hazard and rule 26 will apply. Sleepers are considered as an integral part of the water hazard
6. Trees
Where a fenced, staked or young tree under five foot in height interferes with a player's stance or intended path of the swing of the club, the ball may be lifted, cleaned and dropped within one club length without penalty but not nearer the hole.
7. Paths and Roads
A ball lying on a cinder, wood chip or tarmac path may be lifted, cleaned and dropped within one club length without penalty but not nearer the hole.
8. Tractor Marks
A ball lying in a tractor mark may be lifted, cleaned and dropped within one club length without penalty but not nearer the hole.
9. Winter Greens
A ball lying on a winter green or summer green of an adjacent hole to the one being played **must** be lifted, cleaned and dropped within one club length without penalty but not nearer the hole.
10. Sand Slits
A ball lying in a sand slit may be lifted, cleaned and dropped within one club length without penalty but not nearer the hole.
11. Wooden Shelters
If a player's stance or intended path of the swing of the club is impeded by a wooden shelter

or the remnants of a shelter then the ball may be lifted, cleaned and dropped within one club length without penalty but not nearer the hole.

12. Stones in Bunkers

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions and Rule 24-1 shall apply.

13. Winter Competition (Ball is plugged)

A plugged ball in a Winter competition may be lifted, cleaned and dropped within one club length without penalty but not nearer the hole.

Additional Notes

Competition Cards

Members are reminded that the original card where reasonably practical given the weather conditions should be the card submitted. Cards generally should not be rewritten.

Etiquette

Please play without delay and allow faster matches to play through.

Please repair pitch marks and replace divots.

Rule 26 Water Hazards Rules of Golf - Rules 26: Water Hazards (Including Lateral Water Hazards)

26-1. Relief for Ball in Water Hazard

It is a question of fact whether a ball that has not been found after having been struck toward a [water hazard](#) is in the [hazard](#). In order to apply this Rule, it must be known or virtually certain that the ball is in the hazard. In the absence of such knowledge or certainty, the player must proceed under [Rule 27-1](#).

If a ball is in a water hazard or if it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in a water hazard (whether the ball lies in water or not), the player may *under penalty of one stroke*:

- a. Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see [Rule 20-5](#)), or
- b. Drop a ball behind the water hazard, keeping the point at which the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the water hazard the ball may be dropped; or
- c. As additional options available only if the ball last crossed the margin of a lateral water hazard, drop a ball outside the water hazard within two club-lengths of and not nearer the hole than (i) the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard or (ii) a point on the opposite margin of the water hazard equidistant from the hole.

When proceeding under this Rule, the player may lift and clean his ball or [substitute](#) a ball.

(Prohibited actions when ball is in hazard — see [Rule 13-4](#).)

(Ball moving in water in a water hazard — see [Rule 14-6](#).)

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE:

Match play — Loss of hole; Stroke play — Two strokes.

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