



**GOLFCLUB DE HOGE KLEIJ**  
**LOCAL RULES INCLUDING THE CODE OF CONDUCT ACCORDING RULE 1.2b**

**1. MARKINGS**

**OUT OF BOUNDS** : this is indicated by means of white stakes or stones, or white marked stakes or stones; a double white stake means the end of Out of Bounds.

**2. NO PLAY ZONES: these are the areas listed below and the areas are regarded as an abnormal course condition.**

**In these areas relief MUST be taken (without penalty) under Rule 16.1f in case of interference for stance and/or swing.**

- a. areas marked by blue stakes with a green top;
- b. areas marked (dashed) blue lines;
- c. area with sheep enclosed with electric fences is a temporary no play zone, often not marked with blue/green stakes;
- d. anthill;
- e. young trees, whether or not supported or surrounded by a stake, netting or ribbon and other new/young plantings;
- f. new turf (including the seams) and sown areas marked with blue lines.

**3. ABNORMAL RUNWAY CONDITIONS (ABO): This includes the following areas.**

**These MAY be taken relief without penalty under Rule 16.1 in case of interference for stance and/or swing.**

- a. Damage caused by birds, badgers, etc. shall be considered as unmarked GUR and only in case of interference for the swing, this damage may be avoided;
- b. flushing slots in bunkers are considered to be unmarked GUR and only in the event of interference for the swing should they be avoided;
- c. deep ruts caused by vehicle tyres are considered to be unmarked GUR and may be avoided when they are because of their a reasonable interference for the swing and/or stroke;
- d. tree trunks that serve as a partition are not loose natural obstruction but fixed obstructions that can be avoided under Rule 16.1. Relief is not permitted under Rule 15.2. (avoiding loose obstructions).

**4. DROPPING ZONES**

As an additional possibility for avoiding GUR (marked or unmarked), a dropping zone (as referred to in Rule 14.3) can be in place and a player MAY drop a ball in this dropping zone.

If there are multiple dropping zones, the nearest dropping zone MUST be chosen.

**5. PATHS AND ROADS defined below may be avoided, relief can be taken without penalty under Rule 16.1.**

Paths and roads are considered to be fixed obstructions, even if not artificially constructed, but clearly intended as walkway or as a path for track personnel vehicles (i.e. not the flattened areas caused by an unauthorised short route or crossing);

**6. FIXED OBSTACLE NEAR THE GREEN (e.g. spray nozzles)**

If a fixed obstruction (e.g. a spray nozzle) is in the General Area on the line of play, within 2 club lengths of the putting green AND within 2 club lengths of the ball, relief may be taken without penalty under Rule 16.1b. No relief is possible if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

**7. PRACTICE ON THE DAY OF A STROKE PLAY MATCH**

In addition to Rule 5.2, a player of a stroke play competition whose 1st tee time will be at 16:00 or later may on this day start a round of 9 or 18 holes before 11:00 a.m., without this being considered as practice on the course.

Practise play of less than 9 holes on the course on the day of the competition will be considered practice on the course.

**8. PREFERRED LIES**

Only in the period from November 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> the Head Greenkeeper can determine that this Temporary Local Rule (so-called 'winter rule') is in force due to exceptional ground- and/or weather conditions, for one or more days, or for a certain period of time. In that case, the Head Greenkeeper will publish 'PLAATSEN' within the course status.

**Applying PREFERRED LIES:**

- the player's ball to be placed must be in an area of the General Area that has been mowed at fairway height or lower;
- the player may clean the ball and place the original or another ball only 1 time without penalty;
- the size of the area in which it may be placed is 15 cm from the reference point (the location of the original lie), no closer to the hole than this reference point and it must be in the General Area;

When acting according to this local rule, the player must choose a spot to place his ball and follow the procedures for replacing a ball (if it does not lay still in the new spot) under Rule 14.2b(2) and Rule 14.2e.

**Penalty for breaching the local rules: General Penalty**

**STANDARD OF CONDUCT ACCORDING TO RULE 1.2b IS PART OF THE LOCAL RULES**

**(Specific code of conduct regarding club competitions is described in art. 6 of the Competition Rules)**

- **DRIVING RANGE:** The maximum length that can be used is 200 metres. Only from the far right side of the driving range near the practice green, a few marked bays can be used for a maximum distance of 250 meters. Violation of such rules irrevocably leads to disqualification. Users must ask for the full guidelines prior to using the practice facilities.
- No use of unwelcome language, behave respectfully towards other players, members of the staff, committee members, referees, etc. Don't throw with clubs.
- Adhere to the agreed dress code in the clubhouse, on the course and at the practice facilities, as indicated on the information boards and the website. Please don't wear any caps, hats or visors in the clubhouse.
- Look after the course correctly by repairing pitchmarks, raking bunkers, replacing divots etc.

- **GREEN STAKES:** indicate vulnerable growing areas; only enter these areas without the carry bag and without a trolley to search for the ball and to play the ball. The ball needs to be played as it lies. The green stakes are regarded as fixed obstructions from which free relieve can be taken according to rule 16.1 in case they interfere with stance or swing.
- **AFTER A TEESHOT:** do not walk off the teeing area through the rough, long grass or heather, but use the (forest) paths towards the fairway, even when a carry/stand bag is used.
- **BALL SEARCH IN THE HEATHER OR THE ROUGH:** please walk the shortest way in and out these areas from the fairway side and without trolleys or carry bags.
- **THE GREEN:** do not bring or place carry bags or trolleys within 8 metres of the surface of the green. Keep the bags and trolleys on the paths surrounding the greens.
- **TEEING GROUNDS AND BUNKERS:** keep trolleys and bags away from these areas and their close surroundings.
- **WASTE** such as drinking bottles, wraps and packaging: in case waste bins have been missed in the course, please keep waste in your bag until the end of the round. Teemarkers are not waste bins, keep waste out of the environment.
- **SMOKING ON AND AROUND THE GOLFCOURSE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED** including on all forest paths of the golfcourse and surrounding woodlands. This restriction is part of the municipal ordinance that applies to the entire nature reserve Den Treek Henschoten.  
The Hoge Kleij is SMOKE-FREE (incl. e-cigarettes), not only in and around the clubhouse, but also on and around the practice facilities and the carpark.

**Breaching of the code of conduct may result in disciplinary penalty by the board.**

**During a match, breaching of the code of conduct may lead**

at the first breach to a warning,  
on the second breach up to 2 penalty strokes and  
in the third breach to disqualification,  
unless stated differently

**Our Local Rules including the Code of Conduct and our Competition Rules are part of the R&A Rules of Golf.**

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