



GOLFCLUB DE HOGE KLEIJ
LOCAL RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT (RULE 1.2b)

1. MARKINGS

OUT OF BOUNDS is indicated by white poles or stones or white marked poles or stones; a double white pole is the end of OOB. PENALTY AREAS are always marked. The old Roman road after the tees of hole 14 is part of the General Area. ROWS OF STACKED PRUNINGS in the woods are unmarked and integral objects and part of the General Area of the course. They must not be dismantled. The ball must be played as it lies or the player may decide to apply Rule 19 (Unplayable Ball).

2. NO PLAY ZONES: these are the areas listed below and these 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 one or more blue stakes with a green top;
- b. summer- or wintergreens that are temporary out of play;
- c. young trees, whether or not supported or surrounded by a stake, netting or ribbon and all other new/young plantings;
- d. new turf (including the seams) and sown areas marked with blue lines and/or one or more stakes and newly seeded areas; normal divots filled with seeded sand are not considered newly seeded areas from which relief can be taken;
- e. anthills;
- f. area with sheep enclosed with electric fences is a temporary no play zone, even if not marked with blue/green stakes;

3. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (ACC) are the areas listed below.

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

- a. Damage caused by birds, badgers, etc. are considered unmarked GUR : relief only in case of interference for the swing;
- b. flushing slots in bunkers are considered to be unmarked GUR : relief only in case of interference for the swing;
- c. deep ruts caused by vehicle tyres are considered to be unmarked GUR: relief may only be taken in case of interference for the swing if the depth of the rut gives reasonable interference for the swing and/or stroke;
- d. tree trunks that serve as a partition (mostly near greens and tees) are not loose impediments but are fixed obstructions from which relief may be taken under Rule 16.1. Relief is not permitted under Rule 15.2. (relief from loose obstructions).
- e. during the week (7 days) after major course maintenance relief may be taken from aeration holes.

4. DROPPING ZONES

As an additional possibility for relief from 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 for the next stroke.

If there are multiple dropping zones, the nearest dropping zone not nearer to the hole 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 course vehicles (i.e. not the flattened areas caused by an unauthorised short routes or crossings);

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 permitted if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

7. PRACTICE ON THE DAY OF A STROKEPLAY COMPETITION

In addition to Rule 5.2, a player of a strokeplay 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.

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

8. PREFERRED LIES

When in the period from November 1st to May 1st the Temporary Local Rule Preferred Lies (so-called 'winter rule') is in force, this rule must be applied as follows:

- the player's ball to be placed must be in 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 within 15 cm from the reference point (the location of the original lie), not closer to the hole than this reference point;

When applying 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

Penalties for breaching the Code of Conduct as described on page 2 of these Local Rules:

Breach of the rules in Section A: disqualification and disciplinary action by the Committee or the Board;

Breach of the rules in Section B: 2 penalty strokes and in case of a repeat of breaching the rule disqualification and/or disciplinary action by the Committee or the Board will follow;

Breach of the rules in Section C: in case of the first breach of the rule a warning will be given and in case of a repeat of breaching the rule it may be followed by 1 penalty stroke and/or a disciplinary action by the Committee or the Board.

THE FOLLOWING CODE 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 Club Regulation)

CODE OF CONDUCT SECTION A

1. **DRIVING RANGE:** the maximum length that can be used in the covered driving range is 200 meters and 250 meters can be used outside. All balls must be directed towards the 250m sign in the farleft distance and all balls must stay within the boundary of the driving range to prevent accidents on the motorway behind the driving way. All users of the driving range are personally liable for any incidents or damage caused during the use of the driving range. Users must ask for the full guidelines prior to using the practice facilities.
2. **SMOKING ON AND AROUND THE GOLFCOURSE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED** including on all the paths around the golfcourse and in surrounding woodlands. This restriction is part of the municipal ordinance that applies to the entire nature reserve Den Treek Henschoten.

A breach of rules of Section A will irrevocably lead to Disqualification and a disciplinary action by the committee or the Board (such as being send off from the practice facilities and/or the golfcourse).

CODE OF CONDUCT SECTION B

3. **AREAS MARKED AS 'FORBIDDEN TO ENTER'** (e.g. newly seeded ares or areas with sheep)

A breach of rules of Section B will lead to a warning and a disciplinary action by the committee or the Board. During a match or a competition a breach will also lead to a penalty of 2 strokes.

CODE OF CONDUCT SECTION C

4. **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.
5. **PRACTICE IN THE COURSE:** other than practice in the course as mentioned in Rule 5.2 it's not allowed to use the greens of the golfcourse as practice greens (like the greens of holes 6, 9 and 18) only for chipping and putting.
6. **THE GREEN:** follow the paths and signs for routes around the greens. Short grass gets damaged very quickly.
Carrybags: prevent walking over the green whilst carrying a golfbag and keep the carrybags well away from the edge of the greens to prevent dents in the short grass.
Trolleys: keep trolleys on the paths around the greens, well away from greensurroundings to preserve the short grass.
7. **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 carrybag is used.
8. **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 carrybags.
9. **TEEING GROUNDS AND BUNKERS:** keep trolleys and bags away from these areas and the direct surroundings.
10. **LOOK AFTER THE COURSE** correctly by repairing pitchmarks, raking bunkers, replacing divots etc.
11. **WASTE** such as drinking bottles, wraps and packaging: in case wastebins have been missed during play, please keep waste in your bag until the end of the round. Teemarkers are not waste bins, keep waste out of the environment.
12. **SMOKE-FREE:** the Hoge Kleij is smoke-free (incl. vaping devices), not only in and around the golfcourse and clubhouse, but also on and around the practice facilities and the carpark (see also Section A).
13. **MANNERS:** do no use unwelcome language and behave respectfully towards staff members, greenkeepers, committee members, referees, members etc. Don't throw with clubs.
14. **DRESS CODE:** 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.
15. **DOGS:** in accordance with the golf course regulations, dogs must be kept on a leash verywhere, also on all paths along and outside the golfcourse and in the woodlands. This is also a municipal ordinance for the entire Den Treek Henschoten nature reserve (dogs are not allowed in the clubhouse according to the clubhouse regulations).

A breach of rules of Section C: a warning for the first violation and for repeated violation this can lead to a disciplinary action by the Committee and/or the Board. During a match, breaching the rules can also lead to 2 penalty strokes at the discretion of the competition committee and/or the Committee.

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