

Oakey Golf Club - Local Rules – 2026

PREFERRED LIE may be taken in the following instances:

- In the General Area (Previously referred to as Through the Green) – One (1) card length relief can be applied.

RELIEF may be taken from

- All distance markers, sand containers, seats & mesh safety screens.
- Ball comes to rest on the cutline on the perimeter of the green.
The ball may be lifted and placed within 1 card length no closer to the hole without penalty. **The ball must be putted.**
- A ball is moved accidentally on the green. It **MUST** be replaced without penalty.

OUT OF BOUNDS:

- (1) Beyond any fence bounding the course
- (2) The clubhouse & surrounding car park
- (3) Beyond any line of white stakes with black tops

ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS (including obstructions and Ground Under Repair)

Relief is permitted from Abnormal Ground Conditions as described in Rule 16.1 (a, b, c, d, e.)

- (1) Any ornamental tree or young trees which are identified by a stake or surrounding guard.
- (2) Holes caused by animals
- (3) 100 and 150 metre markers
- (4) All stakes (excluding Out of Bounds stakes)
- (5) Clearly defined ruts and wheel tracks caused by machinery
- (6) **Exposed Tree Roots – free drop on the Fairway in Play ONLY.**
- (7) Fixed sprinklers heads and drainage covers are deemed to be Abnormal Course Conditions. If they are on the Player's intended line of play and are within 2 club lengths of the putting green and also within 2 club lengths of the ball. Relief may be taken under Rule 16.1

(Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.)

INTEGRAL PART OF THE COURSE:

- (1) Wooden wall surrounding the Drop Zone for No's 5/14 & No's 6/15
- (2) All roadways except if they have an artificial surface

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: (Sprinklers) Close to the Putting Area)

- (1) All Red & Yellow Penalty Stakes and Out Of Bounds stakes are considered to be Immovable Obstructions – Free relief is allowed if it interferes with the Player's intended swing or stance. (NB. NOT LINE OF SIGHT)

PENALTY AREAS:

- The creek is a Penalty area and is identified and defined by Red or Yellow stakes. Where no lines or stakes exist the Penalty area is defined by the creek's natural margin. Relief may be taken with a one (1) stroke penalty as described in Rule 17.1 (d)
- There is **NO** Penalty area between the Tee Box & the Green on No 3 between the trees in the creek (defined by yellow stakes). The creek is to be part of the fairway. **Drop off stones** – free drop nearest point of relief.

• **WHEN PLAYING NO'S 6/15:**

- **(1)** A player's ball is in the Red Penalty Area (Creek) including when it is known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in the Penalty area and
- **(2) The ball last crossed the edge of the Red Penalty area (between the Foot Bridge & the Pump beside the Men's 7th Tee Box**

In that case, the player may

- (1) Take relief under one of the options in Rule 17.1d adding one (1) penalty stroke or
- (2) As an extra option, also adding one (1) penalty stroke take relief by dropping a ball in and playing it from the designated Drop Zone near the back of No's 5/14 Green.

➤ **DROP ZONES:** Right side edge of fairway near the creek for NO'S 2/11, Behind NO'S 5/14 Green (FOR USE WHEN PLAYING NO'S 5/14 OR 6/15 & the right hand side past the Green for NO'S 8/17. & Left hand side near No 12 Green.

➤ **MEASURING DEVICES ARE PERMITTED**

➤ **PRACTICE GREEN: NO'S 9/18 GREEN IS THE DESIGNATED PRACTICE GREEN**

➤ **ALL CARTS MUST BE AT LEAST 5 METRES FROM ALL GREENS (Exception with the committee's approval)**

➤ **CARTS MUST BE DRIVEN BEHIND NO'S 2/11 GREEN CLOSE TO THE CREEK WHEN PLAYING NO'S 7/16**

➤ **IN SHOTGUN START COMPETITIONS, PLAY THE CARD IN ORDER FROM WHERE YOU COMMENCED. (eg. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 etc.)**