

SANDGATE GOLF CLUB (revised 26 July 2021)

LOCAL RULES read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf

- 1. Play the ball as it lies.**
- 2. When a ball lies on a “bare patch” on the closely mown fairway being played, a free drop at nearest reference point is allowed.**
- 3. Stony Areas**
Free drop from stones at nearest reference point.
- 4. Bare Patches on Greens (consult marker)**
When a ball is on the green, and rests on a bare patch or there is damage/bare patch on line of putt, relief by placement is allowed
- 5. Tree Roots**
If a tree root interferes with club swing path, relief is available within one card length of nearest reference point determined by player and marker.
- 6. Out of Bounds**
Boundary fences and black and white stakes left of 1st tee and to the rear of 9th green. **(Rule 18) N.B. Balls must be replayed as SGC has NOT adopted the “Optional Drop” at point of crossing OOB local rule.**
- 7. Penalty Areas**
Defined by red or yellow stakes **(Rule 17)**. If red or yellow stake interferes with a player’s stance or swing, relief may be taken only when the ball lies in the General Area.
- 8. Abnormal Course Conditions (inc Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16.1)** applies to seats, tee markers, distance markers, signs, bins, bricks, wire barriers, all paths and wheel tracks, GUR and temporary water. (NB does not include OOB fences/posts)

9. Designated Gardens

A compulsory free drop when your ball rests in a garden. Drop to be taken at nearest reference point, no nearer to the hole.

- To the right side of ladies' 10th tee
- close to the 1st green on the right side of fairway
- behind the 1st green
- near the men's and ladies' 2nd and 3rd tees
- behind the 5th green and behind the 6th green
- behind and beside the 4th and 8th tees
- beside the ladies' 8th tee and behind the 8th green

10. Mulched Areas

Mulched areas other than covered in Local Rule 9, are in the General Area of play. (eg. the mound to the right of hole 5.)

11. Par 3 holes All Par 3s have an optional call up

12. Temporary ropes/stakes balls striking either must be replayed.

13. Distance Markers

Blue 150 metres and White 100 metres to the centre of the green

14. GUR

Currently includes NEW EARTHWORKS between 4th and 6th fairways, and heaped soil/sand on right hand side of 8th fairway. Free drop at nearest reference point. N.B. This nearest point may still be on bare dirt and amidst trees.

15. CARE FOR OUR COURSE

Please help our grounds staff and volunteers. All players are asked to

- 1. Carry a sand bucket and fill divots**
- 2. Repair plug marks on greens**
- 3. Drive BUGGIES on paths and follow signage (not within 10 metres of greens and not onto tee blocks)**
- 4. Buggies to be DRIVEN AROUND ALL NEW WORK to give the grass a chance to establish.**