

SANDGATE GOLF CLUB (revised 19 April, 2022)

LOCAL RULES read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf

- 1. Preferred Lie** one card length no nearer to the hole is allowed in the “general area” (the “general area” is the new term for “through the green”). Mark your ball before taking preferred lie.
- 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, no nearer to the hole.**
- 3. Stony Areas.** Free drop from stones at nearest reference point, no nearer to the hole.
- 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, no nearer to the hole.
- 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, no nearer to the hole.
- 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 (may be marked with white lines)

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

- close to the 1st green on the right side of fairway
- behind the 1st green
- left side of 2nd tee blocks and around the Ladies' 3rd tee
- 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. Ground Under Repair (GUR)

(a) NEW EARTHWORKS between 4th and 6th fairways (Drop Zones to be used on hole in play).

(b) Heaped soil/sand on right hand side of 8th fairway. Free drop at nearest reference point, no nearer to the hole. 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.