

WHITCRAIGS GOLF CLUB – LOCAL RULES 2026

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 2.1)

- a) Beyond the line of the inside points, at ground level, of any fence posts, walls, or hedges bounding the course.
- b) Beyond the line of the inside points of white-painted posts at the 2nd and 18th holes.
- c) In or over the burn to the right of the 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 7th holes.
- d) Beyond the wall in front of the Clubhouse.
- e) The car park to the right of the 1st hole.

2. PENALTY AREAS

- a) The burns across the 4th, 11th, and 16th holes, whether marked with yellow stakes or unmarked, are penalty areas.
- b) 14th Hole – (Model Local Rule E-1.1) - If a player's ball is in the red staked penalty area behind the 14th green, (and within the course boundary), including when it is known or virtually certain to be in that penalty area even though not found, the player has these relief options, each for one shot penalty:
 - The player may take relief under Rule 17.1
 - or
 - As an extra option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in the nearest dropping zone (DZ). A DZ is within one club length of a DZ post. A DZ is a relief area under Rule 14.3

3. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 16.1)

- a) All trees supported by stakes, and the stakes themselves, are immovable obstructions.
- b) Roads & Paths – (Model Rule F-17) – All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially-surfaced, including rubber matting, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1

Exception: Any such surface forming part of a bridge above a penalty area is deemed to be part of the penalty area and is not an immovable obstruction. (Rule 17.1a)

- c) Fixed Sprinkler Heads – (Model Local Rule F-5.1) – Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1.

The player has an extra option to take relief when such immovable obstructions are on or close to the putting green and on the line of play.

Ball in general play area (cut fairway height or less): The player may take relief if an immovable obstruction is:

- On the line of play, **and** is:
 - On or within two club lengths of the putting green, **and**
 - Within two club lengths of the ball.

4. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (Rule 16.1)

Areas defined as ground under repair, (GUR), marked by a blue line or blue pegs, are no play zones that are treated as abnormal course condition. Relief **MUST** be taken under Rule 16.1f (Model Local Rule E-8.1)
Cracked drain lines on the 4th & 18th fairways, although not marked, are also GUR.

5. ANY TEMPORARY LOCAL RULE DEFINED ON THE NOTICE BOARD AT THE 1ST TEE.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

MATCH PLAY - LOSS OF HOLE; STROKE PLAY - TWO STROKES.