

## **MINTHIS GOLF CLUB – LOCAL RULES**

### **1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18.2)**

Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course side points at ground level of white stakes. Out of bounds is also defined by boundary walls, fences and hedges.

### **2. PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17)**

Penalty areas are defined by red stakes or red lines. The extents of concrete penalty areas are defined by the walls/concrete, the extent of all other penalty areas are defined by the line of stakes. If a ball comes to rest in the penalty area of the 15<sup>th</sup> hole (island green) the player has two options only: they may play the original or another ball from where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6) or play from the designated drop zone.

### **3. NO PLAY ZONES**

'A no-play zone is marked with BLUE/YELLOW/RED stakes with GREEN tops and is a defined part of an abnormal course condition or a penalty area area where **play is not allowed and entry to this area is prohibited.**

For a no-play zone defined by BLUE stakes with GREEN tops, FREE relief MUST be taken from interference by the no-play zone under Rule 16.

For a no-play zone defined by YELLOW/RED stakes with GREEN tops, relief MUST be taken from interference by the no-play zone under Rule 17.1e.

### **4. GROUND UNDER REPAIR**

Ground under repair is defined by BLUE stakes (without a GREEN top), WHITE lines and/or a GUR sign.

### **5. ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS INCLUDING IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 16)**

5a) all concrete/artificially surfaced paths and adjacent edges

5b) course furniture including signs, ball washers and bells

5c) halfway house/toilet block

5d) obstructions on a players line of play that are within 2 club lengths of a putting green, and also within 2 club lengths of the ball

5e) staked trees and trees with stakes adjacent

5f) erosional damage in bunkers caused by running water washouts

5g) irrigation/drainage pipes and covers

### **6. MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 24.1)**

Stones in bunkers, bunker rakes and all stakes on the course with the exception of boundary markers and out of bounds stakes.

### **8. INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE**

All non-artificial surfaces access roads and paths is gravel, stoned or hardcore.

### **7. TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES**

Please check the notice board for any temporary local rules.

### **8. EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

Immediate suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by **one prolonged note** from an air horn. All other suspensions will be signalled by **three consecutive notes** from an air horn. In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by **two consecutive notes** from an air horn. Rule 5.7b

### **7. ETIQUETTE**

For matters of safety, please have regard for your fellow players and greenkeeping staff at all times. As a courtesy, please repair ball pitch-marks, replace divots and rake bunkers.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE: MATCH PLAY - LOSS OF HOLE AND IN STROKE PLAY – GENERAL PENALTY (2 STROKES)**