

Association de Golf 'Aubeterre ASGA

LOCAL RULES from 1.1.2020

This course is an approved 9 Hole course of the Federation Francaise de Golf (FFG) with an SSI of 111 (see www.ffgolf.org) The Rules of Golf apply (as per the 2019 Edition of the R&A and approved by the FFG) with the addition of the specific local rules below.

GOLF - LOCAL RULES

1. Defining Bounds and Margins.

- a. White marker posts identify the limits of the course. A ball is deemed *Out of Bounds* when all of it lies completely outside the line between the front faces of two adjacent white posts at ground level, including the white posts to the left of the 5th and 6th fairways .
- b. Internal Out of Bounds. When playing hole 1, a ball is deemed to be *Out of Bounds* if it lies on a closely mown area of hole 3 (fairway, tee, Green, fringe) **OR** in any rough **BEYOND** the closely mown areas of hole 3.
- c. Yellow marker posts define the water hazards on the course.
- d. Blue marker posts identify *Ground under Repair*. Players may take relief for ball and stance, without penalty, in accordance with the procedure under Rule 16-1, (nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole, dropping within one club length etc.)

2. Stroke-and-Distance Relief; Ball Lost or Out of Bounds; Provisional Ball

- a. When a player's ball cannot be found **or** is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows; for two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or a substituted ball within 2 club lengths of the point where the ball is deemed to be lost or became out of bounds, no nearer the green.
- b. When the committee declare "fallen leaves" conditions then a player may take relief by dropping a substituted ball within 2 club lengths of the point where the ball is deemed to be lost as follows;
 - i. if it is certain that the ball become lost on the fairway – no penalty
 - ii. if the ball became lost elsewhere – one penalty stroke

3. Protection of Young Trees Identified by a Stake, attached or not to the tree.

If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or intended swing (but not the line of the ball) the ball **MUST** be lifted and then proceed as under Rule 14 without penalty.

4. Abnormal Ground Conditions.

- a. Preferred lies. A ball, lying on a closely mown area (fairway, fringe) can be marked and lifted without penalty, cleaned and replaced within 15cm of where it originally lay, not nearer to the hole and not in a *hazard* and not on a *green*. A player may place the ball only once and it is in play once it has been placed.
Note: Failure to mark the position of the ball before lifting, or moving the ball in any other manner, incurs a one stroke penalty.
- b. Unmarked ditches. Small, unmarked drainage ditches, as well as seasonal fissures, are to be treated as *Ground under Repair*. Proceed under Rule 14 without penalty.
- c. Aeration holes. On the *putting green* and in the *general area*, a ball that comes to rest on or in an aeration hole may be **PLACED** at a position that avoids the problem, no nearer the hole.
- d. Embedded Ball. In the *general area*, a ball embedded in its own pitch mark may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, no nearer the hole without penalty.

5. Bunkers.

When visible liner appears through the sand and interferes with lie or stance, player should take a free drop within one club length of location of the ball and still within the bunker

6. Water Hazard

If there is doubt whether a ball is in or lost in the water hazard of the first or third hole, the player may play another ball provisionally under any of the applicable options in Rule 17.1. **If the original ball is found outside the water hazard**, the player must continue to play with it. **If the original ball is found in the water hazard**, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue with the ball played provisionally under rule 17.1. **If the original ball is not found or identified within the three-minute search period**, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.

7. Immovable Obstructions.

- a. These include equipment and man-made obstructions (e.g. Sprinkler heads and the pathway leading from the 9th green) . Relief for ball and stance is obtained under Rule 16.1 without penalty.
- b. If a sprinkler head, lying on or off the putting green, lies on the line of play within two club lengths of the ball and also of the putting green, the player may take relief by lifting and dropping the ball at the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

8. Power Lines.

If a ball strikes the overhead power lines on holes 5 or 7, then the stroke is cancelled and **MUST** be replayed without penalty. Another ball may be substituted.

9. Practice Before Playing.

Because there is no specified practice area, practice on the course on the day of a competition is permitted; chipping and putting are permitted on greens 4,5,6 & 9 and tee shots/ approach shots on holes 5&6 only

PENALTY - breach of local rule: (except where otherwise stated) Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play- 2 stroke penalty.

***PLEASE NOTE:-**

The shrubs on Hole 1 and the hedge between Holes 1 and 2 are integral parts of the course. **Play the ball as it lies.**
All players should have 3rd party accident liability insurance. FFG membership includes such coverage.