

## JSGC(E) LOCAL RULES

- 1) **Fairways:** Fairways begin at the **BLUE** marker posts and are thereafter defined by **Marker** posts. If a ball strikes a marker post it is a “Rub of the Green” and the ball must be played as it lies.
- 2) **Immovable Obstructions - Rule 24-2.**
  - a) Buildings, tee constructions, Blue fairway markers, distance markers, water chambers, static water pipes, the **sleeves** of Fairway markers. Deep tyre marks. Roads, tracks and paths that are **solid Tarmac or Concrete** within the bounds of the course; (all others are an integral part of the course and the ball is played as it lies). Any other artificial immovable objects are deemed immovable obstructions and relief may be taken under Rule 24-2 of the Rules of Golf. *(See rule 12 and Annex A for the revised list of recognised tracks on the course.)*
  - b) Fixed Sprinkler Heads. All fixed sprinkler heads are immovable obstructions and relief from interference by them may be obtained under rule 24-2. In addition if such an obstruction is within two club lengths of the green being played, intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole and the ball is within two club lengths of the sprinkler head, the player may obtain relief, without penalty as follows:
    - i) If the ball lies off the green, on the fairway and not in or behind a hazard it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped up to two club lengths which:
      - ii) Is not nearer the hole.
      - iii) Avoids such intervention.
      - iv) Is not in or behind a hazard or on a green.
  - c) GUR signs, stakes and marker tape are immovable obstructions.
- 3) **Movable Obstructions:** Fairway markers, rakes and stones in bunkers.
- 4) **Out of Bounds.** The following areas are out of bounds:
  - a) The seaward side of the course. This is marked by white posts from the cliff beside the tunnel to the cliff behind the 5th green, i.e. to the left of the 1st and to the right of the 3rd, 4th and 5th including the clubhouse patio, car park and practice area.
  - b) The area of Half Way House to the right of the White marker posts.
- 5) **Water Hazards:** The Reservoir is a **Lateral Water Hazard**, as defined by the **Red Marker** posts. It has been deemed a sensitive and dangerous environmental area and entry into it is strictly forbidden. The area to the right of the 10<sup>th</sup> fairway and behind the 11<sup>th</sup> green, either side of the bridge as defined by **Red Marker** posts.
- 6) **Bunkers:** Stones in bunkers are moveable obstructions and may be removed under Rule 24-1.
- 7) **Trees:** If a staked tree interferes with the player's stance or swing, relief **MUST** be taken under Rule 24-2
- 8) **Greens:** The artificial greens should be treated in the same way as conventional turf greens. Scratching the surface to mark the ball is **NOT** allowed, ball markers or a coin should be used.
  - a) If the fringe of the green in play interferes with a **PUTTING** stroke then the player may take relief by moving the ball no nearer the hole, on or off the green, until the line of the putt is clear of the obstruction.

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However if the ball is lying off the green, it can not be moved onto the green.

- b) Players should not chip on the greens. (*Etiquette*)
- 9) **Preferred Lies:** (See also 10 Commandments for Astroturf)  
Preferred lies may be taken on any area defined as fairway. **Astroturf may be used on the fairway of any hole.**
- a) When taking a preferred lie the player may improve **only the lie of the ball, he/she may not improve the line or swing.**
- b) The position of the ball being lifted **must** be marked and the ball placed within one **standard grip length** of its original position not nearer the hole. When Astroturf is used the ball must be placed on the mat **at least 4 inches** from the back edge. Once placed on the mat, the mat cannot be moved.
- c) On a man-made bank the ball may only be moved **6 inches**. If Astroturf is used and the ball will not remain on the mat, it is to be played off the grass.
- d) A preferred lie must not be prepared in any way before the ball is placed. Likewise, the playing surface of Astroturf must not be prepared in any way; however the Astroturf may be backed to maintain its shape.
- e) Balls may be cleaned before being replaced under the local rule.
- f) When taking a preferred lie the ball **is in play** once the player has taken his stance and addressed the ball as defined under the Rules of Golf, at which stage if the ball moves, Rule 18-2b applies. Prior to the address, if the ball fails to remain on the chosen lie, it may be replaced or placed elsewhere within one **standard grip length** of its original (marked) position but not nearer the hole. If Astroturf is used, Rule 18-2b applies if the ball falls off the mat when the player takes his stance and addresses the ball. If a player appears to take a preferred lie when off the fairway, he will not be deemed to have taken a preferred lie unless he has made a stroke at the ball.

### 10) **Distance Measuring Devices – Rule 14-3 (Note)**

Appendix 1 to the rules of golf.

For all play at JSGC(E) a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure conditions other than just distance that might affect his/her play (*e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature etc.*), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is **disqualification, regardless** of whether the additional function is actually used. It is the responsibility of the player if challenged, to produce details of the specification of their Distance Measuring Device in order to convince the committee that it meets the regulations as stipulated in the rules of golf.

### 11) **Paths, Roads and Tracks – Rule 25-1.**

All internal Paths , Roads and Tracks are deemed abnormal ground conditions and relief may be taken as stated in rule 25-1. The track, road or path from which relief is taken must be clearly defined and the decision of relief must be agreed by all players. **Annex A** provides the list of defined tracks within the course.

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### 12) **Footwear**

Golf shoes with soft spikes or pimples soles are to be worn by all players on the golf course. Golf shoes with Metal Spikes are not to be worn by players under any circumstances. If a player chooses to wear Trainers then this will be at their own risk.

#### **Relief – Rule 25-1b.**

- a) Through the green: If the ball lies through the green, the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club length of, and not nearer the, than the point of relief. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on the putting green.
- b) When the ball is dropped within one club length of the nearest point of relief, the ball must first strike a part of the course at a spot that avoids interference by the condition and is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

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### **Annex A to JSGC(E) Local Rules**

#### **Tracks:**

Tracks within the course boundary are routes through the course that are regularly used to gain access by vehicles. These tracks should be maintained, where possible, to a good condition. Tracks within the course, from which relief may be taken are listed as follows:

- Hole 1:** Access roads to rear of the 1<sup>st</sup> green and to the right of the fairway.
- Hole 2:** In front of the men's and ladies tee's and to the right of the 2<sup>nd</sup> green.
- Hole 3:** Path heading through to the 17<sup>th</sup> Green and to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tee.
- Hole 4:** All paths leading to the fairway. Path, far right of the fairway past the rough.
- Hole 5:** In front of the ladies tee and to the right of the fairway for the full length of the hole.
- Hole 6:** Right of the fairway running between 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> holes.
- Hole 7:** Left of fairway running to ladies 14<sup>th</sup> tee and rear of the green.
- Hole 8:** Front of tee box running full length of the hole to the left. Right of the green between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> hole.
- Hole 9:** Front of tee and to the left and right of the fairway.
- Hole 10:** No tracks defined.
- Hole 11:** Left of the green between 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> holes. Right of the green, running up to Halfway House.
- Hole 12:** Track running up to Halfway House. Rear of reservoir 12<sup>th</sup> tee side.
- Hole 13:** Track running to Halfway House and between 13<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> holes. Left of and behind the green.
- Hole 14:** Left of the fairway.
- Hole 15:** Front of tee running up to Halfway House.
- Hole 16:** Between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> fairway.
- Hole 17:** Front of ladies tee running to Halfway House between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> fairways.
- Hole 18:** Left of the fairway and in front of ladies tee. Left of the green between 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes.