

Winter League Rules Addendum

Council gave consideration to the rules for the Winter League following the dreadful weather conditions which Council accepted were so severe as to justify exceptional measures being introduced both to help avoid causing damage to the course and to mitigate the effect of the conditions as far as general play was concerned.

Council have agreed to the introduction of the following four rules and for their application **until the end of the 2019/20 Winter League**: -

1. Players **MUST** tee up on all fairways.
2. All bunkers are to be treated as ground under repair. Relief should be taken without penalty at the nearest point of relief outside the bunker and not nearer the hole.
3. A ball cannot be lost in the fairway and in circumstance where a player's marker confirms that a ball landed in the fairway, and it cannot be found, the player may drop a second ball without penalty at a place where he and his marker believe the original ball to have landed, allowing for relief from adverse ground conditions.
4. When a ball is or is believed to be lost or out of bounds, players will have the option to play a second ball under the R&A "alternative ball" rule. This carries a **TWO** shot penalty but allows the player to play his next shot from the fairway.

Players must agree with their marker the point where the ball is believed to have been lost, then find the nearest fairway edge, not nearer the hole. The ball may then be dropped within two club lengths of this point, again not nearer the hole.

You **CANNOT** use this rule if a provisional ball has been played. However, if your provisional ball is also lost or out of bounds, you may use this local rule with respect to your provisional ball.