

Summary of Course Marking Changes from 1 January 2019

The Out of Bounds down the left hand side of the 3rd hole will terminate behind the Men's 4th Tee.

All the left hand side of 4 will become a Red Penalty Area, and is also designated as a No Play Zone. It will continue to be defined by the sprayed line and it will be identified with red pegs with green tops. Players must proceed under Rule 17.1e.

There will be an optional drop zone behind the 4th green (the relief area is as marked or within 2 clublengths of the DZ mark beside the path) primarily to provide an option when the reference point does not offer a safe playing option. It may be used for any ball in the left hand Red Penalty Area beside the green when the point the ball entered the Penalty Area is between the red pegs with a black mid-band.

The Out of Bounds triangle on the right hand side of 3, 4 and RHS and behind 5 will become a Red Penalty area. It will continue to be defined by the sprayed line and it will be identified with red stakes.

The triangle of rough on the right hand side of 13, 14 and 15 will become a Red Penalty Area. This will include the large lake between 13 and 14. It will continue to be defined around the lake by the sprayed line, but in other areas by firstly a sprayed line, or if not present then the line between the fairway side edge of the pegs. Red pegs will identify the area.

Around the 13th green and both the lakes on 13 will be Red Penalty Areas. The left hand side one will be a No Play Zone, marked by red pegs with green tops. There will be one optional Dropping Zone behind the green (the relief area is as marked or within 2 Clublengths of the DZ mark beside the path – this is a different spot from the 2018 drop zone) which may be used, at the player's discretion, for a ball in the Penalty Areas to the left or behind the green (but may not be used for a ball in the Red Penalty Area on the RHS which includes the large lake as there are ample relief options available for this Penalty Area).

The small water hazards on the left hand side of 3, the right hand side of 14, and both sides of 17 near the tee will become part of the General Area through application of the "open watercourses" local rule. They will have no markings.

New Local Rules

The local rule providing relief for Immovable Obstructions close to putting greens has been introduced.

The local rule allowing relief from tree roots on your own fairway has been introduced.

The Local Rule giving players the option of using the alternative to stroke and distance for a ball lost or Out of Bounds has been introduced.