WEST ESSEX GOLF CLUB LOCAL RULES.

10th December 2025.

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)
a) In, on or beyond any hedge, fence, ditch, wall or line of white stakes and/or lines defining the course boundary
2. Abnormal Course Conditions including Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16)
a) All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed.
b) All stakes and posts on the course, including the wooden fences behind the third green, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed.
c) Additionally, when playing the third hole, free relief may be taken from the bridal path between the posts marked with blue paint, within the designated relief area marked as a dropping zone (DZ).
d) Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens. In addition to the types of interference described in Rule 16.1a, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b when a ball lies in the general area and an immoveable obstruction is : on the player's line of play, on or within two club-club lengths of the putting green, and within two club - lengths of the ball. (Exception- There is no relief under this local rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.
3. Pace of Play
a) All players are encouraged to be in position to play their shot as soon as they can and then to play their shot without delay. This could be out of turn but sensible if a fellow player is delayed from playing their shot.
b) If a group choose to pause at the halfway house the following group, if they choose not to pause, may take their position on the course.
4. Tee Mats, where present, with a single adjacent tee marker comprise the teeing area. When starting a hole from the tee mat the player must stand and play a ball from the mat.
5. Safety- Lightning
a) When there is lightning in the area all players must leave the course immediately and shelter in the Clubhouse.

ALTERATIONS OR TEMPORARY ADDITIONS TO LOCAL RULES WILL BE POSTED ON THE CLUB NOTICE BOARD.

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