



Pumpherston Golf Club – Local Rules

1. GROUND UNDER REPAIR (RULE 16)

- a. All areas enclosed by white lines and blue stakes
- b. Tractor ruts made by greenkeeping equipment
- c. Cultivated areas of flower beds
- d. The practice bunkers on the practice chipping area at the back of the 9th green

2. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION (RULE 16)

- a. All staked trees not within plantation areas
- b. Electrical junction boxes and drain covers
- c. All marker posts i.e. distance and water hazards
- d. Telegraph poles on the 13th hole
- e. The green and white posts next to some bunkers

3. PENALTY AREAS (RULE 17)

- a. Water hazards are defined by yellow stakes and/or lines.
- b. Lateral water hazards are defined by red stakes and/or lines.
- c. At the water hazard on the 16th hole, as an additional option to those available under 17.1, players may drop a ball in the identified dropping zone

4. OUT OF BOUNDS (RULE 18)

On or over any wall and beyond any fence, hedge or white stakes or lines defining the boundary of the course, including driving range, car park behind the 18th hole and the paved area around the club house.

5. INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE

- a. The stone bridge over the burn on the 13th hole
- b. The large stones behind the 15th green.

6. **TELEGRAPH WIRES**

If a ball strikes the telegraph wire running across the 13th fairway, the stroke **MUST** be cancelled and replayed without penalty by dropping the ball as near as possible to the spot from where the ball was played. If the stroke was played from the tee it can be re-teed within the teeing ground. If the ball is not immediately recoverable another ball may be substituted.

7. **PATHS**

Lift and drop from any artificial surfaced path or road within the course boundary.

8. **MARKERS**

Markers on fairways show the distance to the **CENTRE** of the green.

Red	200 yards
White	150 yards
Yellow	100 yards

9. **PRACTICE GREENS / PITCHING AND CHIPPING AREA**

The practice Greens on the Pitching and Chipping area behind the 9th green are Wrong Greens so relief must be taken in accordance with Rule 13.1

10. **STONES IN BUNKERS**

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions, relief to be taken in accordance with Rule 12.2

11. **AERATION HOLES**

On the Putting Green and Fairway, a ball which has come to rest in or on an Aeration Hole may be lifted and placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole which avoids the condition.

12. **CLEANING A BALL (MODEL LOCAL RULE E-2)**

Between the 1st October and the 30th April each year (dates subject to review) when a players ball lies in the general area (which excludes the teeing area, penalty areas, bunkers and the putting green) of the course, the ball may be lifted, cleaned and replaced without penalty. The player must mark the spot of the ball before lifting it (Rule 14.1) and the ball must be replaced on its original spot (Rule 14.2)

13. **TEMPORARY GREEN(S) IN OPERATION (MODEL LOCAL RULE D-2)**

There may be times when a putting green for a hole cannot be used for some reason e.g. repair or maintenance or due to weather.

When this happens a temporary green will be in operation i.e. used as a putting green, as defined by the area of the fairway surrounded by white lines. Any putting green that has been replaced by a temporary putting green is classed as a 'wrong green' and free relief must be taken under Rule 13.1f.

14. FAIRWAY MATS (MODEL LOCAL RULE E-12)

NOTE: This Local Rule is in place for players that want to submit general play scores for handicap purposes while fairway mats are compulsory.

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less and a putter is not being used for the stroke, the ball must be lifted, placed on, and played from a mat.

The mat must be placed as near as possible to where the ball originally lay, and the ball must be placed on the mat.

The ball may be cleaned when lifted. If a ball when placed rolls off the mat, the player must try to place it a second time. If the ball again does not stay on the mat, the mat must be moved to the nearest spot, not nearer the hole, where the ball will come to rest on the mat when placed.

If the player accidentally causes the ball on the mat to move before a stroke is made, there is no penalty and the ball must be placed again the mat.

If a tee is used to secure the mat into the ground, the ball must not be placed on the tee.