



GOLF BROKEN HILL INC

LOCAL RULES

AS AT JULY 2025

Supersedes all previous Local Rules

1. Bare patches, kangaroo and Cocky scratching's and sodded areas on greens are GUR. Relief may be taken if a player's ball is in or on these patches or through the line of putt. Nearest point of relief no nearer the hole, that eliminates the condition. **Rule 25-1b**
2. Emu Droppings - Abnormal Ground Conditions (**Rule 25-1**). When dung which cannot be considered to be a loose impediment causes interference as per **Rule 25-1a**, relief may be taken under **Rule 25-1b**.
3. If a player's ball lies in kangaroo or emu footprints in a bunker it may be lifted, cleaned and placed in same conditions without penalty at the nearest point in the bunker to where the ball originally lay, but not nearer the hole. – Note this rule approved by GOLF AUSTRALIA will be reviewed from time to time at the Match Committee's discretion.
4. All markers, signs, seats, trellises, hoops and buildings within the course proper are immovable obstructions. **Rule 24-2b**.
5. All Maintenance/Graded Roads, Wing Roads, Tractor and Wheel Tracks through the course in "**GENERAL**" are designated GUR and relief may be taken. **Rule 25-1b**

Aeration Holes : - If a ball comes to rest in an aeration hole, the player may without penalty, mark and lift the ball and clean it. Through the course in "**GENERAL**" the player shall drop the ball as near to possible to where it lay, but not nearer the hole. On the putting green, the player shall place the ball at the nearest spot that avoids the situation, not nearer the hole.

6. If any staked or ringed tree or shrub interferes with a player's stance or area of intended swing the ball **MUST** be lifted without penalty and dropped in accordance with **Rule 24-2b** (immovable obstruction). The ball may be cleaned without penalty.
7. All course watering equipment, interfering with a player's stance or area of intended swing shall be treated as GUR. Relief **MUST** be taken. **Rule 25-1b**
8. All fences surrounding the golf course including the chain wire fence on the left side of the 18th Fairway is Out of Bounds. The chain wire fence is an integral part of the course.
9. Stones in Bunkers are moveable obstructions and may be removed without penalty.
10. For all games played at GBH golf course a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if during a competition a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge other conditions that might affect play eg gradient, wind speed, temperature etc the player is in breach of **Rule 14-3** for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are used.

11. Players can take relief without penalty from bare patches & or stoney areas on fairway & green surrounds. Bare patches do not constitute dead grass areas nor divots. Players can drop no more than one club length from where the ball came to rest, not nearer the pin.
12. **STORM DAMAGE:** If a player's ball comes to rest in areas of storm damage & is deemed unplayable that is in washouts, culverts or piles of debris they can **WITHOUT PENALTY** first **MARK, LIFT & CLEAN** their ball then **PLACE** their ball **1 CLUB LENGTH** from the marked position **NOT NEARER THE PIN**. Areas marked as lateral water hazards, indicators being **RED MARKERS** are to be played following normal golf rulings as applied by the **R & A – PGA**.
13. **Bare Patch Rule** Supplementary to Local Rule 13 - When a player's ball comes to rest in a bare patch on the fairway and the preferred lie rule restricts the player from exiting the bare area the player may invoke the Bare patch rule. Players can place their ball without penalty outside the bare patch area to whatever a distance is required that relieves the player from the bare patches. No nearer the hole

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE

Match Play – Loss of Hole
Stroke Play – 2 Stroke Penalty

Definition of **“Course in General”** - The whole course area **except** :

- a. The teeing ground and putting green on the hole being played
- b. All hazards within the course proper

Note :

- Free relief from any tree roots on course where the roots impede your golf shot and may potentially cause injury.
- Drop Zone on 10th Hole is for players whose ball enters the water in the **WHITE TOPPED PEG AREA ONLY**