



# COVID-19

## TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES

----- In effect from 24 March 2020-----

- *The R&A has authorised the modification of the Rules of Golf by Local Rules to manage hygiene implications following the COVID-19 outbreak.*
- *Yowani has chosen to implement the following options suggested by The R&A.*
- *Players are to observe these temporary changes, as part of the club's actions to maintain our regular competitions in a safe manner.*
- *These modifications to the Rules of Golf will apply until Golf Australia advises otherwise.*

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### SCORE CARDS – Rule 3.3 Stroke Play

**Players are to keep their own scores. Markers are not required to sign the score card.**

Players are to record on their own score card : the name of their marker,  
: their own hole scores,  
: the hole scores of their marker.

When the round has ended, the player is to:

- confirm both sets of scores with their marker and sign their own card, and
- submit their score card promptly at the Pro Shop.

*The player's signature will be taken as evidence that both the player and marker have discharged their responsibilities under Rule 3.3b to certify the player's hole scores.*

*Similarly, one team member in a fourball is required to record on the team score card the name of the marker, team results for each hole, sign the card, and return it to the Committee.*

**PENALTY FOR SUBMITTING UNSIGNED SCORE CARD – Disqualification – Rule 3.3b**

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### BUNKERS AND RAKES – Rule 12

**Preferred lies are allowed in bunkers – 1 card length.**

The player may take free relief once by **placing** the original ball (or another ball) **within one card-length** of the original spot, no nearer the hole, and within the bunker.

**PENALTY FOR PLAYING BALL FROM WRONG PLACE – General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a: 2 Strokes/Loss of Hole**

*All rakes will be removed from the course. Ground staff will groom bunkers as rosters allow. After their ball is played and is outside the bunker, **players are requested to smooth bunkers with their foot or a club.***

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### FLAGSTICKS – Rule 13.2, and BALL HOLED

**Players must leave the flagstick in the hole at all times.**

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THIS RULE – General Penalty: 2 Strokes/Loss of Hole**

As an interim measure only, if the ball hits the part of the hole liner above the surface of the hole, it is considered to be holed.

As soon as collars can be positioned in each hole at a shallow level so a ball can easily be extracted without touching the sides, a ball at rest in the hole will be considered to be holed even if it is not entirely below the level of the hole.

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**Golf Match Committee**

**Grounds and Greens Committee**

24 March 2020