**LOCAL RULES**

**1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 27-1)**

Leithen Water is out of bounds at all times.

When a ball comes to rest beyond any boundary fence, white marker posts, kerb lines or stakes.

When playing the Hill Hole (5th/14th) a ball coming to rest over the dyke or beyond the line of white marker posts is out of bounds.

When playing the 6th/15th hole a ball played **over** the road is out of bounds. A ball coming to rest **on** the road is inbounds, and you may take free relief under the immovable obstruction rule (Rule 24-2).

**2. WATER HAZARDS (Rule 26-1)**

Water hazards are defined by yellow posts.

Lateral water hazards are defined by red posts.

**NOTE:** When playing the 1st/10th holes the burn running from the front of the teeing area to the Leithen Water has sections of both Water and Lateral Water Hazards as identified by the appropriate coloured stakes. Relief taken would be dependent on which water hazard section the ball has crossed. Whilst playing any other hole this entire burn is deemed a Water Hazard.

**3. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 24-2)**

All signs, roads, artificially surfaced paths, the track leading from the 2nd medal tee and along the 9th hole, any steps, manhole covers and associated framework, fairway marker discs or stones protruding on any part of the course are immovable obstructions. All dry stane dykes in bounds are deemed an integral part of the course, and therefore no free relief can be taken under rule 24-2.

**4. BUNKERS (Rule 25-1)**

If a ball in a bunker lies in an animal footprint it may be lifted and dropped (in the bunker) without penalty.

**5. BRIDGES**

All bridges that span hazards are deemed to be integral parts of the course, but as such, they are also deemed to be immovable obstructions. If a ball comes to rest on a bridge within the margin of a hazard, you may therefore, without penalty, ground your club if you decide to play from the bridge (Rule 13-4). If your ball is within the margin of the hazard and prefer to take relief, you may do so, **under penalty of one stroke**. If your ball comes to rest on the bridge but outside the margin of the hazard and where the bridge interferes with stance or intended line of swing, you may take free relief under the immovable obstruction rule (Rule 24-2).

**6. POWER CABLES (Rule 20-5)**

A ball striking power cables, poles or support wires **must** be replayed from where the last stroke was played without penalty. If the poles are in a direct line of play to the flag, the ball may be lifted and dropped without penalty at the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole. No relief permitted if ball lies within a hazard.

 **7. GROUND UNDER REPAIR (Rule 25-1)**

All areas encircled by white lines are ground under repair.

**8. DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES (Rule 14-3)**

Distance measuring devices that **measure or gauge distance only** are permitted. A device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player’s play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc) are **not permitted** regardless of whether such an additional function is used.

**9. ETIQUETTE:**

Players starting the 1st hole must give way to players from the 9th green to play their 10th hole.

Please repair pitch marks on the green, replace all divots and firmly stamp down and rake bunkers after use.

Any match that has lost a clear hole must invite the following match to play through (including singles matches).

Note: Distance markers are measured from the centre of the green.

**PRACTICE ON THE COURSE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

**Penalty for breach of local rule: Matchplay – loss of hole. Stroke play – two strokes.**