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GANTON GOLF CLUB 2023
ADDITIONAL LOCAL RULES - FINAL

In addition to the Local Rules and Terms of the Competition on [The R&A Hard Card](#), the following Local Rules and Conditions will apply to The Girls' & Boys' Amateur Championships, to be played at Ganton Golf Club on 15-20 August 2023.

1. Out of Bounds ([Rule 18.2](#))

- a. Any fence that borders the perimeter of the course defines out of bounds.
- b. The greenkeeper's compound (left of Holes 2, 3 and 14) is out of bounds, defined by the white line and white stakes.
- c. The white stakes and/or white lines to the right and behind the green of Hole 3, and to the right of Holes 4 and 6 define the boundary.
- d. Except when playing Hole 17 or 18, the white fence posts on the near side of the road to the right of Hole 16 define out of bounds.
- e. When playing the Holes 17 and 18, the area including the road between the white fence posts which cross these holes is out of bounds. Hard Card Local Rule 1 b) does not apply during play of these holes.
- f. On or beyond the road in front of the Clubhouse to the right of Hole 18 (identified by white dots). The boundary then joins the white fence posts near the 1st Tee.

Note: When the boundary is defined by the white fence posts, the chains between the posts are part of the boundary object and **must not** be moved.

2. Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions) ([Rule 16.1](#))

- a. All man-made artificially-surfaced roads and paths.
- b. All staked trees are immovable obstructions.
- c. The permanent hut between the 5th Tee and 11th Green is an immovable obstruction.
- d. The stone drain cover on the right edge of the 4th fairway is an immovable obstruction.
- e. All wooden sleeper pathways are immovable obstructions.
- f. All steps leading into bunkers, are immovable obstructions outside the bunker in the general area.

3. Integral Objects

- a. All sleepers that line the inside of bunker walls.
- b. All natural paths including any sand covered paths.

4. Naturalised Sandy Areas

There are naturalised sandy areas on the course (for example between Holes 8 and 9). These areas are not bunkers and are part of the General Area. There is no free relief for a ball that is embedded in sandy soil in any part of the course.

The naturalised sandy areas have not been fully prepared and generally do not have rakes available, however rakes have been provided for the naturalised sandy area to the left of the 9th fairway given its proximity to the fairway.

5. Wrong Greens ([Rule 13.1f](#))

The practice putting green to the right of the 18th green is a wrong green and relief **MUST** be taken under Rule 13.1f if you have interference to your stance, lie of ball or area of intended swing.

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6. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs)

Temporary Immovable Obstructions; [Model Local Rule F-23](#) is in effect.

- a. TIOs include, but are not limited to refreshment tents, leaderboards, advertising boards, temporary toilets and Rolex clocks.
- b. Where teeing grounds have multiple TIOs, these are deemed to be one TIO.
- c. Relief on Either Side from All TIOs:
If a player is allowed relief from a TIO, the player may take relief on either side of the TIO. But, either side relief is not allowed if the player chooses to operate under Rule 16.1.

7. Caddies

Use of a Caddie is Prohibited; [Model Local Rule H-1.1](#) is in effect.

[Rule 10.3a](#) is modified in this way:

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:

The player gets the **general penalty** for each hole during which they have a caddie. If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the **general penalty** for the next hole.

8. Distance Measuring Devices

Rule 4.3a **permits** the use of Distance Measuring Devices. They **must NOT** measure elevation changes. For full information please see [Rule 4.3a](#).

9. Player May Remove Animals Not Defined As Loose Impediments From Near Ball ([Model Local Rule E-13](#))

Model Local Rule E-13 is in effect.

10. Clubs Longer than 46 Inches Prohibited ([Model Local Rule G-10](#))

In making a stroke, the player must not use a club, except for a putter, which exceeds 46 inches in length.

Penalty for Making a Stroke with a Club in Breach of this Local Rule: **Disqualification**.

There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying but not making a stroke with a club which does not conform to these length specifications.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Time of Starting - For the purposes of [Rule 5.3a](#), the "starting point" for Hole 1 is defined by the Championship archway and the prepared area within the advertising boards. But the player is considered ready to play and at the starting point set by the Committee if they have collected their scorecard but are standing nearby outside that area.

Recording Office - After completion of the stroke play qualifying rounds, players must return their score card to the Recording Office as soon as possible. The Recording Office is located in a cabin near the driving range, behind the 1st Tee.

Players' Toilets – 3rd Tee, 5th Tee, 7th Tee, 8th Green, 11th Green, 16th Tee.

R&A Referees

Lorna Bennett (Chairman of the Championship), Jim Gough (Chief Referee), Stuart Graham, Neil Millar, Barbara O'Keeffe, Richard Palmer (stroke play only), David Row, Trish Wilson, Dymrna Conlon (match play only), Stuart Melville (match play only) John Miller (match play only).

Rulings – Should you require a ruling please call **+31 97037441568** to request assistance.