

**R&A**  
**WOMENS & MENS SENIOR**  
HOME INTERNATIONALS



19 - 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

WEST KILBRIDE  
**ADDITIONAL LOCAL RULES**

In addition to the Local Rules and Terms of Competition on The R&A Hard Card, the following Local Rules and Conditions will apply to play for the R&A Women's & Men's Senior Home Internationals to be played at West Kilbride from 19-21 September 2023.

**1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)**

- a) Beyond any wall, or the inside line of posts of fences, bounding the course.
- b) Beyond the inside line of the row of white stakes (stake to stake) to the right of hole 1.
- c) Beyond the inside line of the row of white stakes (stake to stake) to the right of the 3<sup>rd</sup> green and hole 4.
- d) The greenkeeper's compound, defined by white stakes (stake to stake) to the rear of hole 4 and right of hole 8.
- e) Holland House Gardens, as defined by the stone wall to the left of the 8<sup>th</sup> green and hole 9.
- f) Beyond the inside line of the row of white stakes (stake to stake) to the right of hole 10 joining the edge of the path to the rear of hole 11.
- g) Beyond the inside line of the row of white stakes (stake to stake) to the left of the green on hole 10 (extension of the boundary fence to the left of the hole)
- h) On or over the path to the rear of hole 11.
- i) Beyond the kerb edging of the path in front of the clubhouse, beyond the edge of the tarmac surface of the car park to the rear of hole 18.

**2. Abnormal Course Conditions including Immovable Obstructions and Dangerous Animal Condition (Rules 16.1 and 16.2)**

- a) Areas within white lines marked in the General Area
- b) All artificially surfaced roads and paths. Note: All-natural paths are integral objects.
- c) Rope link fences.
- d) Rope link fences and adjacent paths on hole 8 are to be treated as a single obstruction.
- e) Rubber matted walkways.
- f) Weather shelters
- g) Stone walls supporting teeing areas, and steps to teeing areas
- h) Direction indicator post behind the green on hole 2.
- i) The practice net and adjacent sign and rope fence are to be treated as a single obstruction

**3. No Play Zones (Rules 16.1f and 17.1e)**

- a) The gorse regeneration areas between holes 7 and 14 defined with a white line and identified with signs
- b) The Red Penalty Area to the left of hole 11.

**4. Penalty Areas**

The burn across holes 1, 2, 16, 17 and 18 is a Yellow Penalty Area. The outer edges of the wooden sleeper / concrete liners define the margin of the Penalty Area.

**5. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs)**

- a) Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs) include, but not limited to, championship tee signs, flag posts, scoreboards, temporary toilets, leaderboards and advertising boards.
- b) Where teeing grounds have multiple TIOs (e.g. advertising boards, tee boards and clocks), these are deemed to be on TIO.
- c) Championship Flags to the rear of hole 18 are to be treated as one single TIO

d) 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.

**6. Integral Objects**

- a) The stone wall to the left of hole 14.
- b) The cottage to the left of hole 16.

**7. 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.

**8. 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.

**9. 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.

**10. Designated Practice Areas**

The practice ground, chipping and putting greens between holes 17 and 18.

**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 are standing nearby outside that area.

**Recording of the Match Result** - After completion of the match, each player should report as soon as practical to the nearest official and hand over the match result card issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee.

**Players' Toilets** – 5<sup>th</sup> tee, 8<sup>th</sup> green, 12<sup>th</sup> green, 16<sup>th</sup> tee

**Players' Water** – 1<sup>st</sup> tee, 5<sup>th</sup> tee, 8<sup>th</sup> green, 12<sup>th</sup> green, 16<sup>th</sup> tee

**R&A Referees**

Orla Kirby (Chairman of the Championship), Stuart Melville (Chief Referee), Lorna Bennett, Tom Brown, Sam Burton, Nigel Law, Ken O'Neil, Anne O'Sullivan

If you need a ruling during the round and cannot see a referee, please contact the referees on one of the following numbers:

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