

## Local Rules 2019 for Otepää Golf Course

1) **Out of Bounds** - Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes. Holes 1,3,5,9,14,17,18.

2) **Penalty Areas** - The penalty areas are defined by the line between the course-side points with red or yellow stakes.

When a ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area on hole N1, N4, N8, N9 as an extra relief option adding **one penalty stroke**, the player may drop a ball on the opposite edge of the penalty area. See Model Local Rule B-2.1 for details of where to drop.

As an extra relief option for the penalty area hole 7,16,17 adding **one penalty stroke**, a player may drop a ball in the dropping zone marked DROP ZONE or DZ. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

3) **Preferred Lies** - When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may prefer the lie within **one clublength**. See Model Local Rule E-3 for details of how this must be done.

4) **Relief from Aeration Holes** - If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole **on the putting green**, relief may be taken under Rule 16.1. See Model Local Rule E-4 for further details.

5) **Abnormal Course Conditions (including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)** - Ground under repair is defined by blue stakes or white line or a blue line

Areas in bunkers where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand are ground under repair.

All sprinklers, distance posts, pavilions, „next tee“ markers, fences and etc. are immovable obstructions.

The stone wall on hole 9 is integral object.

Pilings when located in penalty areas are integral objects.

6) **Dropping Zones** - As an extra relief option for the ground under repair **hole 16**, a player may drop a ball in the dropping zone marked DROP ZONE or DZ. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

7) **Defining No Play Zones** - The area defined by **GUR left side on the green 15 & 16** is a no play zone that is to be treated as an abnormal course condition. Free relief must be taken from interference by the no play zone under Rule 16.1f.

8) **Relief from Cracks in Ground** - Cracks in the ground in parts of the general area cut to fairway height or less are ground under repair. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

But interference does not exist if the crack only interferes with the player's stance.

9) **Damage by Animal** - In the general area, areas of damage caused by any type of animal are treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1b.

But interference does not exist if the damage only interferes with the player's stance.

10) **All Roads and Paths Treated as Obstructions** - All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially-surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

11) **Concrete Drainage Channels** - Drainage channels that are made of artificial materials and run next to cart paths are treated as immovable obstructions in the general area and are part of the cart path. A player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.

12) **Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation** - During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation **except** as authorized or later approved by the Committee.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.**

13) **Prohibiting or Restricting Use of Audio and Video Devices** - Rule 4.3a(4) is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule - see Rule 4.3.**

14) **Prohibiting Practising on or Near Previous Putting Green** - Rule 5.5b is modified in this way: Between the play of two holes, a player must not:

• Make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or

• Test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

15) **Methods for Stopping and Resuming Play** - A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by two short siren. All other suspensions will be signalled by one short siren. In either case,

resumption of play will be signalled by one long siren. See Rule 5.7b.

**For the full text of any Model Local Rules referenced, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the General Penalty.**