



NELSON BAY GOLF CLUB LOCAL RULES – as from 28 Feb 2026

To be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf 2023

1. Red penalty areas are defined by red stakes or red painted lines. All red stakes are Immovable Obstructions. The player may take relief using any option under rule 17.1d. If a ball is in the penalty area pond adjacent to the 18th green the player may, as an option, drop and play a ball from the nearest of the two drop zones as marked with blue pegs labelled “Drop Zone”.
2. Trees and shrubs marked by stakes or plastic guards are no play zones and are abnormal course conditions. When such trees interfere with the player's stance or swing, the player must take free relief under rule 16.1f.
3. If a player's ball hits a power line or poles, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball from where the previous stroke was made without penalty under rule 14.6.
4. A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any boundary wall, fence or the inside points, at ground level, of any line of white stakes with black tops and kerbs painted with white/black squares.
5. Cart signs and painted posts representing 150/100 metre distance from centre of the green are immovable obstructions. A player may take free relief under rule 16.1
6. The RH edge of the practice fairway is marked by white stakes with red tops. This designates the practice fairway as a No Play Zone (NPZ) not a Penalty Area. If you and your playing partner reasonably believe that your ball has crossed into this NPZ, free relief MUST be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1b from where the ball last crossed the margin of the NPZ. Your original ball or another ball may be used without penalty.
7. The greenkeeper's area between the 3rd and 4th fairways, marked by red stakes with white tops, is a no play zone penalty area. A player must take relief under rule 17.1d. Other areas marked by white posts or lines are GUR, and free relief may be taken under rule 16.1b.
8. If a player's ball is in the general area and there is interference from exposed tree roots within 4 club lengths of the ground cut to fairway height or less, the tree roots are treated as GUR, and a player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. Interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance.
9. All stakes defining GUR, penalty areas, No Play Zones, drop zones, including staked ropes are immovable obstructions. A player may take free relief under rule 16.1
10. All metal hoops are movable obstructions (refer to Rule 15.2)
11. Where fixed sprinkler heads are on the line of play and within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball, a player may take free relief under rule 16.1b. (Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.)
12. All woodchip, mulch areas and gardens are integral parts of the course, ie no relief.
13. All artificially surfaced paths consisting of concrete, Geohex, gravel and crushed red tile are abnormal course conditions.
14. Areas in Bunkers where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand is ground under repair. Relief may be taken in accordance with rule 16.1c relief from abnormal course condition in bunker.

WARNING:

It is a condition of entry to this course that you understand that you do not rely on the Club to ensure your safety from lightning.