



Pestana Silves Course Rules

Additional Information/Guidelines

PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES

The young trees identified by; Stakes, White Tags or Wire Mesh are no play zones.

If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f.

REFRESHMENT TRAILER (Hole 10)

The refreshment trailer and its safety net behind the green on hole 10 is considered a Temporary Immovable Obstruction (TIO).

If the player's ball is in the general area and there is interference by the TIO, the player may take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball within one club length from the reference point and playing it from this relief area:

Reference Point: The nearest point of complete relief where both physical and line of sight interference no longer exist.

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

Must be in the general area,

Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point and there must be complete relief from both physical and line of sight interference by the TIO.

NOTE. If the ball is not touching or in the TIO there is no relief for physical interference or line of sight interference from something which the player is not allowed to take free relief from (in a bush) if the player is unable to make a stroke because of where lies.

Rule 17. PENALTY AREAS

All penalty areas are marked with Yellow and/or Red stakes.

In order to proceed under this Rule it must be known or virtually certain (95%) that the ball is in Penalty Area. In the absence of knowledge or virtual certainty a ball that cannot be found must be considered lost somewhere other than in a penalty area and the player must proceed under Rule 18.2

Please note that if the ball is known or virtually certain to be in a Penalty Area it is not allowed to play a Provisional Ball apart from the following Local Rules for holes 10 & 12.

Hole 10

If a player does not know whether their ball is in the penalty area (red stakes) on the left-hand side of Hole 10, the player may play a provisional ball using any of the following relief options: stroke-and-distance, back-on-the-line or the lateral relief option (see Rule 17.1d).

When taking relief from the penalty area on LHS a player taking relief (17.1d) would be dropping under penalty of one stroke on the Cart Path. In order to speed up pace of play the committee has agreed that a player may proceed to drop the ball directly on the fairway to RHS of the path (nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole, within **one** club length.)

Hole 12

If a player does not know whether their ball is in the penalty area (yellow stakes) when hitting the ball over the lake the player may play a provisional ball using any of the following relief options: stroke-and-distance, back-on-the-line or the lateral relief option (see Rule 17.1d).

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE (Rule 20.1c)

In Stroke Play only, if a competitor is doubtful of their rights or the correct procedure during play of a hole they may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. To proceed under this Rule, they must decide to play two balls after the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action (e.g. making a stroke at the original ball). The competitor should announce to their marker or another player that they intend to play two balls, and, which ball they wish to count if the Rules permit the procedure used for that ball. Before returning their scorecard, the competitor must report the facts to the Competitions Secretary. If they fail to do so, they are disqualified.