

LOCAL RULES
AIN NAKHL GOLF CLUB REFERENCE 2014 RULES OF GOLF
ROYAL & ANCIENT GOLF CLUB OF ST. ANDREW
AND
U.S. GOLF ASSOCIATION

All play on the Ain Nakhl Golf Club golf course shall be governed jointly by the R&A and USGA Rules of Golf and by the ANGC Local Rules as provided in R&A/USGA Rule 33.8. Rulings made by the committee are final.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE
MEDAL PLAY – 2 STROKES / MATCH PLAY – LOSS OF HOLE

(i) EQUIPMENT

a. Shoes:

- i. No shoes can be worn which leave a print on the green that cannot be removed by normal sweeping. Only flat –soled shoes are permitted. Shoes with knobby, rippled or spiked soles or shoes with heels are not permitted

b. Mats:

- i. Mats (including the backing) shall be round with a minimum diameter of 10” and a maximum diameter of 12.”
- ii. Mats shall be made from artificial grass or equivalent material, be uniform in thickness, be of even texture, lie flat, and be free of wrinkles.
- iii. No markings are allowed on the upper surface of the mat, i.e.: shall not have a line on the surface of the mat.
- iv. Without penalty, a mat damaged or lost during play may be replaced or two or more players may share a single mat. The damaged or shared mat shall be replaced at the earliest opportunity.
- v. Only one side of the mat shall be used during play. **(Penalty:- Disqualification)**
- vi. Except as provided in clause (b) (iv) only one mat is to be used during a stipulated round.

c. Clubs and Balls:

- i. Clubs and balls shall conform to the Rules specified by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club and USGA

(ii) Persistent violations can result in suspension of ANGC Privileges

(iii) THROUGH THE GREEN

- i. Except in a hazard (any bunker or water hazard) or when the ball is suspended in a tree (including oleanders), the ball may be lifted, cleaned, and placed on the mat, or on the ground in its original position. The centerline edge of the mat must be placed directly behind the ball (within one ball diameter distance) in

line with the pin in a manner that will not cover the spot where the ball originally lay.

1. **Penalty: Match play -- Loss of hole;**
 - i. **Stroke play -- 2 STROKES**

- ii. During the normal course of play, the area in which the mat is to be placed may be cleared of loose impediments to ensure an even surface without changing the natural contour of the lie. When the mat requires placement on vegetation, it shall not be elevated more than three inches from the ground.

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 - i. **Stroke play -- 2 STROKES**

- iii. A ball played from the mat shall be placed so that the outer edge of the ball is a minimum of one ball diameter distance from any edge. In case of a damaged mat the ball must be placed so that a minimum of one ball diameter distance of undamaged mat surrounds the ball.

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 - i. **Stroke play -- 2 STROKES**

- iv. Once the mat is placed and the ball has been lifted, the mat cannot be moved unless the original position of the ball can be positively established by a mark or a marker and the ball replaced. When a ball is lifted and placed on the mat, it is not in play until a stroke has been made. Accordingly, if a ball that has been placed on a mat subsequently moves, it may be replaced without penalty. If however, a stroke is made at the ball, the stroke shall count whether the ball was moving or not. Should the lie not allow the ball to be played from the mat, the player may place the ball on the ground as stipulated in ii.i above.

1. **Penalty: Match play -- Loss of hole;**
 - i. **Stroke play -- 2 STROKES**

- v. If a ball strikes a utility line, guy wire, power or utility pole, the player must disregard that stroke, abandon the ball and play another ball as near as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played as stipulated in **Rule 20-5 (Playing next stroke from where previous stroke played).**

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 - i. **Stroke play -- 2 STROKES**

- vi. A ball on the berm, touching on or inside the white painted line, chalk line or rope that delineates the bunker must be dislodged gently and made to roll in such a way that the ball comes to rest in the bunker. White lines or ropes on the berm shall delineate the bunker.

1. **Penalty: Match play -- Loss of hole;**
 - i. **Stroke play -- 2 STROKES**

- vii. The portion of the berm outside the white line or rope is declared as an immovable obstruction. If the ball comes to rest on the berm outside of the white line or rope, it is to be played as stipulated in **Rule 24-2 (Immovable Obstruction).**

1. **Penalty: Match play -- Loss of hole;**
 - i. **Stroke play -- 2 STROKES**

viii. In a bunker, rocks lying within six inches of the ball are declared as movable obstructions and played as stipulated in **Rule 24-1 (Movable Obstruction)**.

**1. Penalty: Match play -- Loss of hole;
i. Stroke play -- 2 STROKES**

ix. A ball outside the hazard coming to rest near a sand trap berm may be moved to the nearest point of relief *no closer to the hole*. If the berm hinders the player's stance or swing, **the player must first notify his opponents of his intention to move the ball**

x. On holes #4 and #7, if the fence interferes with the player's stance, swing or the line of flight of the ball, the player may move the ball, without penalty, as far back from the fence as he or she wishes, **in a direct line from where it came to rest and the flag stick**

xi. A ball hitting any chain or post limiting cart access is to be played from where it comes to rest. There is no replay of the shot. However, the posts and chains are still classified as obstructions so a player can get swing relief, without penalty, **but not line of sight relief**

xii. During the normal course of play, one club length relief, no nearer the hole, is allowed keeping the original spot directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is placed. The area in which the mat has to be placed can be cleared of any loose rocks or impediments to ensure an even surface. The contour of the lie however, should remain unchanged. Should one club length not be enough to allow the ball to be played, then the player can:

1. Deem the ball unplayable and under penalty of one stroke obtain relief as stipulated under Rule 28 of the Rules of Golf; or Play the ball as it lies, without penalty

xiii. A ball that comes to rest close to a water line that impedes the player's forward swing (embedded into the ground and not moveable) such that damage may be caused to the water line, may only be moved to the nearest point of relief no closer to the hole. **The player must first notify the opponents of their intention to move the ball or they will incur a one stroke penalty**

xiv. No relief is given if the water line interferes with the player's stance

(iv) DAMAGED BALL

i. A ball may be changed during the PLAY of a hole, with the concurrence of the other players, ONLY if it has been damaged during the previous stroke and the player has declared it unplayable. Once a damaged ball has been taken out of play, it may not be used during the round

b. WATER HAZARDS

- i. Yellow stakes define water hazards and are a part of that hazard. Water hazards exist on holes #1, #2, #4, #7, #9 (Driving Range) and #18. On #4 and #7 the hazard extends north and south to the course perimeters.
- ii. Red stakes define lateral water hazards and are part of the hazard. Lateral water hazards exist on the left of holes #12, #13, #14 and #18 and on the right of holes #6, #9, #15 and #16
- iii. The ball **MUST** be removed from all water hazards and played from outside the hazard under penalty of one (1) stroke (USGA Rule 26)

(v) OUT OF BOUNDS

a. General:

- i. All paved main thoroughfare roads adjacent to any hole on the course, with the exception of the roadside crossing on holes #4 and #7. The course side edge of the pavement or curb, if one exists. Any fence or wall defining the perimeter of the golf course (the wall behind the green on hole #8 is within the confines of the golf course and is not a boundary wall, thus it is defined as an immovable obstruction)

b. Hole #1:

- i. Ball-field fence on the right, the road to the left of the fairway and perimeter wall to the right of the green, all asphalted areas to the right

c. Hole #2:

- i. Road curb and white stakes on the right, garden walls on the left

d. Hole #3:

- i. Over the block wall on the right

e. Hole #4:

- i. Over the block wall to the right

f. Hole #5:

- i. Over the block wall on the right and behind the green

g. Hole #6:

- i. AAA Garage to the water hazard on the right, from the water hazard to the garden wall around the Holiday Inn, Road to the right

h. Hole #7:

- i. The road on the right

i. Hole #8:

- i. The road on the right and behind the green, White stakes on the road and the area around Telecom towers, houses on the right

j. Hole #9:

- i. The road on the right and behind the green, garden walls on the left

- k. Hole #10:**
 - i. Commissary parking lot area beyond the curb and the fence on the left, Garden walls on the right
- l. Hole #11:**
 - i. Over the fence on the left and garden walls on the right
- m. Hole #12:**
 - i. Over the wall on the right
- n. Hole #13:**
 - i. None
- o. Hole #14:**
 - i. White stakes on the right and over the wall on the right
- p. Hole #15:**
 - i. White stakes on the left and over the wall on the left, base of the angled down pipes of boundary fence left of the hole
- q. Hole #16:**
 - i. Garden walls on the left
- r. Hole #17:**
 - i. Garden walls on the left and white stakes behind the green
- s. Hole #18:**
 - i. White stakes on the left and right and the road behind the green

(vi) ON THE GREEN

- i. The ball may be lifted and placed within six inches of where it originally came to rest, but no nearer the hole
- ii. The surface of the green from where the ball is to be played may be compacted with the foot or club head, as long as a pyramid or conical tee is not made
- iii. Without unduly delaying play, repairs to the putting surface may be carried out using the putter blade or with the sweeping broom provided that the motion is across the line of the put and is at least 8 in. in length. The maximum distance that may be repaired along the

line of putt using the putter is one (1) foot. The green may not be touched or repaired within the "leather" of the putter from the cup, except for removing rocks and stones, or for repairing pitch or foot marks. The player may request the green-keeper to sweep the area

- iv. Under no circumstances is a path to be dragged in a straight line between the cup and the ball
- v. A player must be on the brown in order to repair the brown; if he is off the brown he may lift rocks and foreign objects only
- vi. A ball lying on the putting surface close to a bund wall which hinders a putting stroke may be moved to the nearest point affording relief, but no nearer to the hole. The player must first notify his opponents of his intentions to make this move

(vii) COMPETITIONS

a. Monthly Medal Competitions

- i. Competitors are prohibited from practice on the course during a Friday if they are intending to compete in the medal on the Saturday. Practice on any other day is permitted and if a competitor has already played the medal on the Friday they may practice on the course at any time after this. Players found practicing on the course at any time during the Friday or Saturday before they compete in the Monthly Medal will be disqualified.

b. Match Play Competitions

- i. Competitors can practice on the course at any time before or after a match play game

c. Other ANGC scheduled Competitions

- i. During other schedule ANGC competitions any on course practice is prohibited specifically on the day the competitor is competing in the competition. Practice on any other day is permitted. Players found practicing on the course on the same day before a competitive round will be disqualified.