



**VAAL SENIOR OPEN 2025 (Re-Scheduled)**  
**05/07/2025 to 06/07/2025**  
**LOCAL RULES**



LOCAL RULES ON THE SCORE CARD OR ANY NOTICE BOARD ARE HEREBY CANCELLED.

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** (a) Beyond the fence bounding the course and beyond white stakes to the right of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> fairways. (b) The front/back of the clubhouse as demarcated by white stakes/fence. (c) The Garden of Remembrance. (d) At holes 11 and 12 the out of bounds edge is the fence.

**RED AND YELLOW PENALTY AREAS:** (a) The river is a red penalty area all the way along the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> fairways with the edge of the area being (i) the waterline when the water level spills over the natural water line or (ii) the steep geographical drop off towards the water level. This means that the thick grass on the river bank is part of the general area so that a ball lost in the grass is considered lost outside the penalty area. (b) Dropping zones may be used where provided as an additional option. (c) In the absence of lines for penalty areas, the edge of the penalty area is the geographical drop off towards the penalty area. (d) The dam on the second hole is a RED penalty area as well as a NO PLAY ZONE. The dams at the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> holes are YELLOW penalty areas and NO PLAY ZONES. Please do not enter these penalty areas to retrieve balls as the laid linings of these may be damaged. General penalty applies.

**OBSTRUCTIONS:** (a) Roads and paths are integral parts of the course except when artificially surfaced when they are immovable obstructions. (b) Young trees identified by a stake or tag or pronounced watering bowl must be treated as an immovable obstruction. (c) The sleepers on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes are immovable obstructions, as are the poles in the dams on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> holes.

**PYLON AND ANCHORING CABLES:** A ball colliding with the pylon on the right of hole 11, or the anchoring cables thereof, MUST be replayed without penalty.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** (a) There is no relief from an animal hole if the condition interferes with the stance of the player only. (b) A ball lying on the edging groove around the green may be lifted, cleaned and placed without penalty at the nearest point of relief from the groove, but not nearer the hole. The nearest point of relief may be on or off the putting green. (c) Animal damage in the general area, greens and bunkers can be treated as GUR but only if the ball lies on or is touching the condition. Interference by stance alone does not qualify for relief. Animal damage must be clearly identifiable as just that. Old or grassless hollows to be considered as integral parts of the course.

**FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS:** A ball on the fairway in play, lying within two club lengths of a fixed sprinkler head which is within two club lengths of the green and on the intended line of play, may be dropped without penalty, at the nearest point of relief on the fairway. The ball when dropped must come to rest on the fairway.

**TEES:** All players play from the WHITE teeing areas.

**DOUBT ABOUT RULES OR PROCEDURES:** Please play two balls, after informing your marker, before ANY ball is played, which ball you want to count if the rules allow, and report the situation at the scoring table.

**PREFERRED LIES (PLACING):** Always play the ball down. No placing. (A final decision to be made before play starts.)

**SUSPENSION OF PLAY:** One long blast of the siren. Discontinue play immediately. Penalty disqualification.

**PRACTISE BETWEEN HOLES:** No practising or rolling of a ball permitted on the green last played.

**SCORE CARDS:** Please add up your scores for each nine and eighteen holes. It speeds up the scoring process and can never be used against you, even if it is wrong. Please return scorecards, in person, to the scoring table in the bar.

WE WISH YOU ALL AN ENJOYABLE TOURNAMENT  
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