



# HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING GOLF CLUB

## COURSE UPDATE

### Winter Rules 2019 / 2020

PREFERRED LIES will be in operation on all fairways (closely mown areas) through the green from SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER 2019

#### **Full Winter Rules come into effect Monday 21st October 2019**

When a Winter Green is in operation, free relief MUST be taken when the ball lies on the Summer Green.

When Summer Greens are in operation free relief MUST be taken from Winter Greens.

All areas marked GUR, NPZ (No Play Zone - formerly 'PP' - Play Prohibited) are to be considered Ground Under Repair and free relief MUST be taken (This includes summer tees but only when 'forward' winter tees are in use whether marked GUR or not).

Free Relief may be taken from Casual Water, on the course – not in a penalty area (hazard).

With the agreement of the competitors in your group, free relief may be taken from tractor indentations and plugged balls, anywhere on the course, except in a penalty area (hazard).

Free Relief may be taken from any aeration holes present on the green. Where constructed and marked out with "tee markers" and in play all Artificial

Tee mats MUST be used. Players must stand on mat when playing shot and the ball must also be hit from the mat.

**\*New rule in place from Saturday 02/11/19 – All course bunkers  
When a players ball is in any course bunker they may, without penalty,  
pick up their ball , rake the surface and place back in its original position  
before playing a stroke. \***

Please follow instructions on all signage particularly those directing players to specific 'route ways' to reduce wear and tear to surfaces. E.G to the left of the 8th green.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE  
MATCH PLAY—LOSS OF HOLE  
STROKE PLAY – GENERAL PENALTY ( 2 SHOTS)**