

**NORTH REGION COUNTY MATCH WEEK 2026**  
**EAGLESCLIFFE GOLF CLUB, DURHAM**  
**8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**

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**ADDITIONAL LOCAL RULES**

The England Golf 2026 Championships and Matches Local Rules (Hard Card) will apply; with the following clarifications and additions:

**1. OUT OF BOUNDS**

Normally White posts will identify Out of Bounds. However, in their absence, a ball is out of bounds beyond any of the fences, hedges or in the River Tees which form the course boundaries. Where there is a fence within a hedge, the fence is the boundary. The Car Park, Practice Putting Green and all artificially surfaced roads and footpaths in the surrounding areas of the Clubhouse are also Out of Bounds.

If your ball goes Out of Bounds to the right on the 12<sup>th</sup>, you must report this to the Hole Spotter who in turn will report it to the Clubhouse. Similarly, if your ball goes Out of Bounds to the right of the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, you must report this to the Clubhouse.

**2. ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS**

A deep rut caused by a tractor or cart is Ground under Repair. If a ball lies in such a rut, relief is obtainable under R & A Rule 16.1.

**3. DROPPING ZONES**

If a ball lying at the rear of the 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> green is deemed unplayable, as well as relief under R & A Rule 19.2, the player may under the penalty of one stroke, opt to use the nearest Drop Zone. When playing the 17<sup>th</sup> hole, if a ball is in or virtually certain to be in the Penalty Area that runs alongside the 18<sup>th</sup> tee, as well as relief under R & A Rule 17.1 d, the player may, under the penalty of one stroke, opt to take relief in the Drop Zone in front of the pond. When taking this option, the ball must land and remain in the Drop Zone.

**4. FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS**

All fixed sprinkler heads are immovable obstructions and if the ball is in the General Area, the player may take relief under R & A Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play and is:

- (a) Within two club lengths of the putting green; and
- (b) Within two club lengths of the ball

EXCEPTION – There is no relief under this local rule if the player chooses a line that is clearly unreasonable.

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