



# Dorset Golf Club Incorporated

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Playing at: Dorset Community Golf Course. Trawalla Road. Croydon 3136

Affiliated with the V.G.L Inc & V.W.G.L Inc.

## Changes to the identification of Garden Beds

For a long time, our Club has defined just about anything that looks like a garden bed as a garden bed. This enabled our members to take relief without penalty, for scenarios that would never be applicable at other Clubs.

At the most recent meeting with Course Management, our proposal to re-define garden beds within our 'Local Rules' was accepted. The revised definition is as follows...

*"Only areas with plants/shrubs/decorative grasses that have a border of rock or concrete or timber (sleeper etc) would be defined as a Garden Bed. Areas without such a border would be play as it lays."*

**Examples:** ... would **not be** gardens

- Tree'd mounds (hill) on left of 1st, 2nd and 5th fairways ;
- Tree'd mound (hill) behind 2nd Green would not be garden;
- Spiky grass behind 7th green and around the 1st bunker on 2nd fairway;
- Spiky grass in front of men's 8th tee;
- The grasses in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> bunkers;
- On 13<sup>th</sup> hole, the area on the tree'd hill behind far (LH) bunker;
- RHS of 9th, in front of the Tee and following the fence line.

With this redefinition of Gardens, any ambiguity should be removed and with it, hopefully the need for the gardens map. It is anticipated that the next course rating by Golf Victoria will result in a harder rating than currently assigned, which will be a good thing.

These changes will come into effect from Friday 1 April (not a joke).

Yours in Golf.

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For Men's Committee