

TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES WHEN WINTER RULES APPLY (Normally 1st October - 30th April inclusive)

1. Preferred Lies

1.a. A ball lying on a closely mown area through the green may be lifted, without penalty, and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he/she must place it on a spot within 6 inches of and no nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not a hazard and not on a putting green.

A player may place the ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot where it was placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot it was placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply.

If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he/she incurs a penalty of one stroke.

Note – “closely-mown area” means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

2. Temporary Greens

2.a. When a temporary green is in play, the regular green is a wrong putting green and relief must be taken under Rule 25-3.

3. Embedded Ball

3.a. Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike part of the course through the green.

Exceptions:

A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown.

A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE
MATCHPLAY – LOSS OF HOLE
STROKE PLAY – TWO STROKES

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4. Aeration Holes in Putting Green

4.a. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

5. Aeration Holes through the Green

5.a. Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

6. Diseased Patches on the Putting Green

6.a. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on a diseased patch may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

7. Cracks In Ground on Closely - Mown Areas – Rule 25-1

7.a. Cracks in the ground on closely-mown areas are ground under repair. If a player's ball lies in such a condition, or if such a condition interferes with the area of the player's intended swing, the player may take relief under Rule 25-1.

Note: Relief is not available for interference to a player's stance by such condition. Closely-mown area means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

8. Bare Patches in Closely - Mown Areas

8.a. Bare patches of ground on a closely mown area are to be treated as Ground Under Repair-Play Prohibited. If a player's ball lies in such a condition or such a condition interferes with a player's intended area of swing, the player should proceed according to Rule 25-1 Abnormal Ground Conditions.

Note: Relief is not available for interference to a player's stance by such conditions. Closely-mown area means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

9. Cleaning Ball - Mud Ball

Conditions, such as extreme wetness causing significant amounts of mud to adhere to the ball, may be such that permission to lift, clean and replace the ball would be appropriate. In these circumstances, the following Local Rule applies.

9.a. Through the green a ball may be marked, lifted, cleaned & replaced without penalty. Replaced" means on the exact spot as it originally lay.

Note: The position of the ball must be marked before it is lifted under this local rule – see Rule 20-1

10. Old Hole Plugs on the Greens

Areas of bare earth within old hole plugs on the greens are deemed to be Ground Under Repair.

10.a. When a player's ball lies on a putting green, if such an area of bare earth interferes with the intended line of play to the hole, the player is entitled to relief under Rule 25-1b (iii).

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