



# TEMPORARY LOCAL RULE

## PREFERRED LIES !

### 1. Preferred Lies

"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 must place it on a spot within 15cm of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

A player may place his 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 on which it is placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and 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 incurs a penalty of one stroke.

### 2. Irrigation works on various holes : Trenches, Tractor & Sand Tracks are considered "GROUND UNDER REPAIR" ; Allowing a FREE DROP

### 3. Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows : When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.





Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced." <http://www.randa.org/News/2016/12/New-Local-Rule-for-Golf>

### 4. Abnormal accumulation of fallen leaves on CLOSELY MOWN AREA (= cut at fairway height or less) : If it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found in such condition, the player may take relief for an abnormal ground condition under Rule 25. If he elects to do so, the spot where the ball is supposed to lie must be determined and, for the purpose of applying this Rule, the ball is supposed to lie at this spot, the player may substitute another ball, without penalty, and take relief as prescribed in Rule 25-1b(i). In the absence of such knowledge or certainty, the player must proceed under Rule 27-1.

### LOCAL RULE: ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON THE PUTTING GREEN

WHAT IT MEANS: The committee in charge of a competition or course now has the option to adopt a Local Rule that eliminates the penalty for all circumstances when a player, an opponent or either of their partners, caddies or equipment accidentally moves a ball or ball marker on the putting green.

#### HOW IT WORKS | The following are examples where the Local Rule would apply:

IF: When preparing to play a stroke, a player accidentally causes the ball to move...		THEN: No penalty, and the ball must be replaced.
IF: A player accidentally drops his/her ball, which hits and moves the ball marker...		THEN: No penalty, and the ball marker must be replaced.
IF: A player accidentally drops his/her ball marker, which hits and moves the ball...		THEN: No penalty, and the ball must be replaced.
IF: A player accidentally kicks and moves his/her ball...		THEN: No penalty, and the ball must be replaced.

#### HOW IT DOESN'T WORK | The following are examples where the Local Rule would not apply:

IF: A player accidentally moves his/her ball that is lying through the green (fairway, rough, etc.)...	THEN: One-stroke penalty, and the ball must be replaced.
IF: A player intentionally moves or lifts his/her ball on the putting green without first marking its location...	THEN: One-stroke penalty, and the ball must be replaced.



### PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE

Stroke Play - Two strokes. Match Play - Loss of hole.