



Winter Rules 2023 / 2024

These temporary local rules are effective from 6th November 2023 and will be reviewed on 31st March 2024.

Fairway Mats

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less and a putter is not being used for the stroke, the player must take free relief by lifting the original ball and placing the original ball or another ball on an artificial mat and play it from there. The mat must be placed on top of the spot where the ball came to rest.

If a ball when placed rolls off the mat, the player must try to place it a second time. If the ball again does not stay on the mat, the mat must be moved to the nearest spot, not nearer the hole, where the ball will come to rest on the mat when placed.

If the ball on the mat is accidentally moved before a stroke is made, there is no penalty and the ball must be placed again on the mat.

If a tee is used to secure the mat into the ground, the ball must not be placed on the tee.

**Penalty for playing ball from a *wrong place* in breach of Local Rule:
General penalty under Rule 14.7a.**

Deep Ruts made by Vehicles

Deep ruts anywhere on the course are deemed to be *ground under repair*. A player may take relief in accordance with Rule 16.1b.

Note:

This applies only to deep ruts and not to shallow indentations. A rut is considered deep where if a ball is lying in it, the clubhead cannot connect with it or follow through without interference from an edge of the rut or, if the player has to stand with a foot in it, he cannot take a normal balanced stance.

Lift, Clean and Replace

When your ball lies in the general area, the ball may be lifted, cleaned and replaced without penalty. You must mark the spot before lifting the ball (see Rule 14.1) and the ball must be replaced on its original spot (see Rule 14.2).

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