

LOCAL RULE

PREFERRED LIES

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- **Reference Point:** Spot of the original ball.
- **Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point:** 6 inches from the reference point, but with these limits:
- **Limits on Location of Relief Area:**
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
 - Must be in the general area.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule:
General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a**

(From Committee Procedures Section 8, Model Local Rule 8E-3: *The 2019 Edition of the Rules of Golf*)