



# Easingwold Golf Club

## WINTER RULES (1<sup>st</sup> October 2023)

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**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:
  - o Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
  - o 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.

**Cleaning Ball:** When a player's ball lies in the general area, the ball may be lifted cleaned and replaced without penalty. The player 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).

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

**Aeration Holes/Slits:** If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole or slit:

- (a) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.
- (b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.  
But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.

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

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The additional Winter Rules introduced in recent years regarding Fairway Mats and Relief in Bunkers are not implemented at this stage but may be introduced if conditions dictate as such later in the winter period.

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