



Local Rules

1. *All Drainage channels on the fairways and in the first cut of rough are deemed as abnormal ground conditions and relief may be taken as per Rule 25-1b.(i)*

2. *If a ball comes to rest in a crack, it is deemed as abnormal ground conditions and relief may be taken as per Rule 25-1b.(i)*

3. ***Embedded Balls***
 - a). *On a “Closely mown area” - A ball embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground in any closely mown areas through the green may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to spot where it lay, but not nearer the hole*

 - b). *On other than a “Closely mown area” – This local rule applies **only** when winter rules are in operation. **Only a ball embedded in its own pitch-mark** in the ground may be lifted, cleaned, and dropped, without penalty, **as near as possible** to where it lay, but not nearer the hole.*

Exceptions:

1. *A player may not take relief under this local rule when the ball is in a hazard.*
2. *A player may not take relief under this local rule if it is clearly unreasonable for him/her to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this local rule*

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match Play – Loss of Hole:

Stroke Play – Two Strokes

4. Aeration Holes

If a ball comes to rest in an aeration hole the player may, without penalty, lift the ball and clean it. Through the green, the player shall drop the ball as near as possible to where it lay, but not nearer the hole. On the putting green, the player shall place the ball at the nearest spot, not the nearer the hole, which avoids such situation.

5. Tracks and marks left by Grounds Staff vehicles

These are to be classed as Abnormal Ground Conditions and are covered by rule 25-1.

Interference by an abnormal ground condition occurs when a ball lies in or touches the condition or when the condition interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing.

Relief

Except when the ball is in a water hazard or lateral water hazard a player may take relief from interference by an abnormal ground condition as follows. If the ball lies through the green, the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green.

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