

Winter Golf 2016 / 2017 (Local Rules)

“Placing”

A ball lying 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 6 inches 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 when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it 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, moves the ball-marker prior to putting the ball back into play or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule is Two Strokes in Strokeplay and Loss of Hole in Matchplay.

Definition:

"Through the green" is the whole area of the course except:

The teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played and all hazards on the course.

A player must not use the six inches' relief to move a ball from rough to semi rough, semi rough to fairway, fairway to semi rough or semi rough to rough.

“Bunkers”

If it becomes necessary to remove a Bunker from play a “Ground Under Repair Sign” will be placed in the Bunker. Any Bunker containing such a sign should be treated as Ground Under Repair “Through the Green” and the Provisions of Rule 25-1b apply.

Rule 25-1b Relief

If the ball lies, “Through the Green” the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green. When the ball is dropped, the ball must first strike a part of the course at a spot that avoids interference by the bunker and is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

Having taken relief under Rule 25-1b a player may proceed under the Local Rule covering “Placing”.

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