



Compulsory use of fairway mats or move to semi-rough

Effective Monday 28 October 2019

A ball lying on a closely mown surface *in the general area* may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position.

The player then has two options as to how to proceed, he or she may:

Place the ball on a 'fairway mat' within six inches of and not nearer the *hole* than where it originally lay, that is not in a *penalty area* and not on a *putting green*, or move the ball at 90 degrees beyond the edge of the fairway and place the ball in the semi-rough not nearer the *hole* than where it originally lay.

The use of a 'fairway mat' is compulsory on the tees of all Par 3 holes when playing from other than an artificial surface, regardless of the club used.

Note: 'Closely-mown area' means any area of the *course*, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

Plugged Balls

Through the Green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the *hole*. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the *course through the green*.

Exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if it is clearly unreasonable for him 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.

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