

GOLF COMMITTEE PREFERRED LIES

PREFERRED LIES ARE NOW IN OPERATION UNDER A LOCAL RULE WITH EFFECT
FROM
10TH OCTOBER 2018

“WINTER RULES”

THERE IS SOMETIMES SOME CONFUSION AS TO HOW THE RULES OF GOLF AFFECT PLAY IN THE WINTER MONTHS, SO I WILL EMPHASISE SOME IMPORTANT POINTS THAT **MUST** BE ADHERED TO.

1. A PLAYER IS ENTITLED TO RELIEF ON ‘CLOSE MOWN AREAS’. THIS INCLUDES ALL FAIRWAYS, TEES, SURROUNDS/APRONS AND GREENS (I.E. THE AREA SURROUNDING AND IN FRONT OF THE 7TH GREEN, WHICH IS CUT AT TEE HEIGHT). IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT WHETHER A BALL LIES ON THESE AREAS, **DO NOT PICK IT UP!**
2. WHEN TAKING RELIEF, YOU MUST MARK THE BALL, WHICH MAY BE CLEANED AND THEN **PLACED** WITHIN SIX INCHES OF WHERE IT LAY BUT NO NEARER THE HOLE. ONCE THE BALL HAS BEEN REPLACED, **YOU MUST NOT TOUCH IT AGAIN.**
3. IF THE BALL IS PLUGGED IN THE ROUGH, IT MAY BE LIFTED AND CLEANED BEFORE BEING **DROPPED**, NO NEARER THE HOLE.
4. RELIEF MAY ONLY BE OBTAINED FROM TRACTOR MARKS IF THEY ARE MARKED ‘GROUND UNDER REPAIR’.
5. LEAVES AND TWIGS IN BUNKERS ARE LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS AND CANNOT BE REMOVED BEFORE PLAYING A SHOT. **(CARE, NEW RULES OF GOLF ALLOW THIS FROM JANUARY 2019)**
6. **FENCED OFF AREAS (CAUSE OF MAJOR CONFUSION)**

FENCES, MADE FROM **WOODEN STAKES** CONNECTED BY ROPE THAT HAVE BEEN ERECTED TO PROTECT AREAS OF THE COURSE, ARE DEEMED ‘IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS’ AND **CANNOT BE MOVED**, HOWEVER YOU MAY TAKE RELIEF (RULE 24-2B APPLIES) FROM THE FENCES, OR POSTS, IF YOUR **STANCE** OR **SWING** IS INTERFERED WITH. RELIEF **CANNOT** BE OBTAINED FROM ‘LINE OF SIGHT’. A BALL LYING IN A FENCED OFF AREA **MUST** BE PLAYED AS IT LIES UNLESS A GUR NOTICE IS PRESENT. WHITE DIRECTIONAL “HOOPS” ARE MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS, BUT **MUST** BE REPLACED AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN REMOVED.

WHEN TAKING RELIEF UNDER 24-2B THE BALL **MUST** BE DROPPED WITHOUT PENALTY WITHIN ONE CLUB LENGTH OF THE NEAREST POINT OF RELIEF, NOT NEARER THE HOLE.

FENCED OFF AREAS ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY ‘GUR’ AND RELIEF CAN ONLY BE TAKEN FROM ANY PART OF THE COURSE IF IT HAS BEEN DEFINED AS SUCH.