



Easingwold Golf Club

Member Communication 14th Hole Lateral Water Hazard

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It has become necessary to make the ditch across the fairway on the 14th hole a lateral water hazard, with red posts between the bridges, because it has proved very difficult to make a penalty drop successfully according to the rules of golf. (when trying to move back away from the ditch keeping the spot where the ball crossed the margin in line with the flag, you were walking parallel with the ditch and could gain very little space in which to successfully drop the ball.

Below is a reminder of the rule for a lateral water hazard which will allow a successful drop.

If a ball is found in the water hazard, or if it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the water hazard (whether the ball lies in water or not), the player may under penalty of one stroke:

- a. Proceed under the stroke and distance provision of Rule 27-1 by playing a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule 20-5); or
- b. Drop a ball behind the lateral water hazard where the ball last crossed the margin of a lateral water hazard. The ball is dropped outside the water hazard within two club-lengths of and not nearer the hole than:
 - (i) the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard, or
 - (ii) a point on the opposite margin of the water hazard, equidistant from the hole.

When proceeding under this Rule, the player may lift and clean his ball, or substitute a ball.

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