

Thorpe Hall Golf Club, Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex SS1 3AT
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Temporary Local Rules

(effective in addition to Local Rules)

1. Abnormal Ground Conditions

Through the green, if a ball lies in, or a player's stance is affected by, an area where there is clear evidence of re-seeding, unfinished repair or other *similar* remedial work then relief **MUST** be taken in accordance with the procedure prescribed in rule 25.1.

Vehicle tracks constitute *abnormal ground conditions* and relief **MAY** be taken under Rule 25-1.

2. Preferred Lies

NOT CURRENTLY IN USE

3. Embedded Ball

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.

Exceptions:

1. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown.
2. 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.

4. Aeration Holes

Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole **MAY** be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

5. Drainage channels

If a ball lies in, or a player's stance is affected by, a drainage channel in a closely mown area through the green, relief **MAY** be taken in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 25.1. Relief is restricted to instances where a ball lies in an area where the ball clearly lies beneath the natural level of the immediate surrounding area.

6. Areas designated for the development of Temporary Winter Greens

The areas which have been designated for the development of temporary winter greens are Ground Under Repair from which play is **prohibited**. If a player's ball lies in such an area, or if it interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the player **MUST** take relief under Rule 25-1.

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7. Displacement of trees

Where a tree, or part thereof, displaced by weather conditions interferes with normal play and it is reasonable to assume that remedial work will follow, a player **MAY** consider the tree as an *immovable obstruction* and take relief without penalty under Rule 24-2.

8. Penalty for breach of Temporary Local Rule

Matchplay - loss of hole

Strokeplay - two strokes.