

LOCAL RULE

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN

Through the green, a ball that is embedded may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, 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.

Note: A ball is “embedded” when it is in its own pitch-mark and part of the ball is below the level of the ground. A ball does not necessarily have to touch the soil to be embedded (e.g. grass, loose impediments and the like may intervene between the ball and the soil).

Exceptions:

1. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area not closely-mown.
2. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match Play - Loss of hole; Stroke Play - Two strokes

(From Appendix 1, Part A, 3a: *The 2016 Edition of the Rules of Golf*)

Note: “Through the green” is the whole area of the course except:

- a. The teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played; and*
- b. All hazards on the course.*