

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

A ball lying on a closely mown area *through the green* **MAY** be lifted, without penalty, and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player **MUST** mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within six inches of, and not nearer the hole than, where it originally lay that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green. A player may place his ball only once and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it is placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball, when placed, comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule applies.

If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

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

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.