

LOCAL RULE

PREFERRED LIES FOR MEDAL PLAY CONDITIONS

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 (150mm) 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 has been placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it has been 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, moves the ball-marker prior to putting the ball back into play 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.

***PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:**

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

*If a player incurs the general penalty for a breach of this Local Rule, no additional penalty under the Local Rule is applied.

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