

TEMPORARY LOCAL RULE

Preferred Lies

**With effect from Monday
26th March 2018**

A ball lying on any “closely mown area”* through the green may, without penalty, be moved or may be lifted, cleaned and placed within six inches (150mm) of where it originally lay, but not nearer the hole and not in a hazard or on a putting green.
A player may move or place the ball once and after the ball has been so moved or placed it is in play.

Through the green, a ball embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, other than sand, 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.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE

Match-play: Loss of hole

Stroke-play: Two strokes

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

This rule applies only whilst this notice is displayed.

Phil Stockdale, Competition Secretary