

# TEMPORARY LOCAL RULE

## Preferred Lies in Bunkers

With effect from Monday  
29<sup>th</sup> March 2021

When a player's ball lies in a Bunker, the player may:

EITHER play the ball as it lies

OR take free relief once by placing the original ball (or another ball) in, and playing it from, this Relief Area:

Reference Point:

Spot of the original ball.

Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point:

6 inches from the Reference Point, but with the following limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

Must not be nearer the hole than the Reference Point, and  
Must be in the Bunker.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e. The bunker **MUST NOT** be smoothed before replacing the ball but best efforts to smooth the bunker **AFTER** playing the shot must be made.

Whilst Covid-19 regulations continue to prohibit the use of rakes in bunkers, this rule will remain in force. Twice weekly maintenance of bunkers is being carried out by green staff.

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

(Loss of Hole in Match Play, Two-Stroke Penalty in Stroke Play)

This rule applies only whilst this notice is displayed.