

Aeration Holes

“If a player’s ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

(a) **Ball in General Area.** The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. The player may take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball. The nearest point of complete relief should be identified and a ball must be dropped in and come to rest within the relief area. The relief area is one club-length from the reference point, is not nearer the hole than the reference point, but may be in any area of the course. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.

(b) **Ball on Putting Green.** The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. Free relief may be taken by placing a ball on the spot of the nearest point of complete relief. If there is no such nearest point of complete relief, the player may take this free relief by using the point of maximum available relief as the reference point, which must be either on the putting green or in the general area.

But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player’s stance or, on the putting green, on the player’s line of play.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty (Loss of Hole) Under Rule 14.7a.”

Preferred Lies

"When a player's ball lies in a part of the *general area* cut to fairway height or less, the player may 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: One *club-length* from the reference point, **but** with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
 - Must not be nearer the *hole* than the reference point, and
 - Must be in the *general area*.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedure for *replacing* a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

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

Procedure if Temporary Greens in Use

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“Temporary putting greens are in play on Hole # [insert hole numbers] as defined by [insert description, for example, the areas of fairway surrounded by white lines]. Any putting green that has been replaced by a temporary putting green is a wrong green and free relief for interference must be taken under Rule 13.1f.

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