

WINTER RULES 2009/2010

1. Preferred Lies

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 of where it originally lay, but not nearer the hole. After the ball has been so placed it is in play.

Clarification:

a. *There is no closely mown grass on par 3 holes. Placing on apron only.*

b. *Closely mown means “of fairway length or lower”.*

c. *If there is any doubt in interpretation consult playing partners before placing.*

2. Embedded balls

Through the green, a ball embedded in its own pitch-mark *in ground* other than sand may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole.

3. Water in Bunkers

a. **In Qualifying Competitions:** (*Monthly Medals etc*) Rules of Golf Apply 25-1.b(ii)

b. **In General Play:** (*Winter League, Wednesday Competitions etc*) A ball lying in water in a bunker in which there is no sand on which to drop the ball, or take up a stance, the ball may be dropped, without penalty, at a point within two club lengths of the bunker, keeping the spot where it originally lay between the point and the hole, providing the next stroke is played with a club no longer than a pitching wedge.

Clarification: A ball dropped under this rule must keep the point where the ball lay in the bunker between the point where the ball is dropped and the hole.

4. Crow and Badger Damage

Ground damaged by crows pecking and badgers scraping for chafer grubs may be treated as “Ground under Repair” and relief may be obtained under Rule 25-1.b (i).

5. Trolleys

During the winter months, players who are fit enough are requested to *carry light bags rather than pull trolleys*, in order to protect the course.

6. Buggies

Those who need to use buggies to play are asked to take extreme care and avoid wet areas; sharp braking or acceleration or tight turns can also cause unnecessary damage

7. Pitch Marks

A pitch mark repaired within 10 minutes recovers in a matter of hours. After 20 minutes it will take several weeks. Please look for your pitch marks and repair them and any others you see.

8. Newly Turfed Areas

All newly turfed areas are “Ground under Repair” from which the ball must be lifted and dropped under Rule 25-1.