

Three Rivers Golf Members

Preferred Lies (Winter Rules)



In line with CONGU and England Golf, the Essex Golf Union have defined October 1st and April 30th as the period within which the use of “Preferred Lies” is allowed. During this period Clubs Do Not require permission from the County Union to invoke the operation of preferred lies.

The following local rule is in effect:

When a player’s ball lies on a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, it may be lifted once without penalty, and may be cleaned. They must replace the original ball, or another, on a spot within a relief area.

- Reference Point: The spot of the original ball.
- Relief Area: The size of the relief area is up to 6 inches (150 mm) from the reference point, not nearer the hole than the reference point, and which is in the general area.

In proceeding under this local rule the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing the ball under rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

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PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES

Match play – Loss of hole

Stroke play – Two strokes