



## Local Rule –

### Ball on putting green when temporary green is in use

This NOGC Local Rule covers cases of extreme weather, when a hole may be cut in a position that is not on the main putting green of that hole.

The main putting green in this instance is deemed to be Ground Under Repair and the ball should be dropped without penalty at the nearest point of relief away from the main putting green (this is also known as “a free drop”; see below for details). Furthermore, under this Local Rule it is compulsory to take such relief, ie *never* play your ball from the main putting green when the hole is not on the putting green.

#### How to take relief and make a free drop

Mark your ball where it lies on the main putting green. Find the nearest point of relief – this is the nearest spot not nearer the hole, not on the putting green and not in a hazard. Note that your stance can still be on the putting green. Mark this point.

Now lift your ball and drop it within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. When dropping the ball within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, the ball must first strike a part of the course at a spot that avoids interference by the putting green and is not in a hazard.

For precise explanations in the Rules of Golf themselves, see Rule 25-1b (Abnormal Ground Conditions) and Rule 20 (Lifting, Dropping & Placing)

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