

## PLAYING CONDITIONS – PREFERRED LIES

Having considered current course conditions, the short and medium range weather forecast and feedback from members, it has been decided that w.e.f. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017 **preferred lies** will apply to all closely mown areas, i.e. a player may mark, lift, clean and place their ball within 6” and no nearer the hole on the fairway or any area of the course mowed at fairway height or less.

Where a players ball comes to rest in the **rough**, they **must play the ball as it lies**, i.e. a player may not, mark lift, clean and place their ball where their ball comes to rest in the rough.

Under the Rules of Golf you are reminded that you only have free relief for a ball embedded or plugged in its own pitch mark in **closely-mown areas through the green**, Rule 25-2.

A closely mown area through the green is any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

The ball can be lifted, cleaned and dropped without penalty as near as possible to the spot where it lay not nearer the hole. In other words you have free relief for a ball embedded in its own pitch mark on the fairway or any other area of the course where the grass is cut to fairway height or less for example a grass path.

### Rule 25-2

If a player’s ball is embedded in any closely-mown area through the green, it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

A ball is “embedded” when it is in its own pitch-mark and part of the ball is below the level of the ground. A ball does not necessarily have to touch the soil to be embedded (e.g. grass, loose impediments and the like may intervene between the ball and the soil).

