

Bedfordshire Golf Club – Temporary Local Rules

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These Temporary Local Rules should be read in conjunction with the Local Rules currently in force.

1 Drainage Channels – Where a ball lies in an exposed drainage channel in the General Area or on gravel in a drainage channel in the General Area the condition may be treated as Ground Under Repair and relief taken in accordance with Rule 16.1b

2 Tractor Ruts - A ball lying in or on any tractor rut In the General Area may be lifted, cleaned and dropped under Rule 16.1b. Interference does not exist if the tractor ruts only interfere with player's stance.

3 Aeration Holes/Tine Slits - A ball that comes to rest on or in an Aeration Hole/Tine Slit in General Area may be lifted, without penalty , cleaned and dropped as near to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole/tine slit may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

4 Preferred Lies – These are in force until further notice.

A ball lying in the part of the General Area cut to fairway height or less may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, the player must place it on a spot within six inches of, and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a penalty area or bunker and not on a putting green. A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it was placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies unless the provisions of any other rule apply.

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, he incurs a penalty of **one stroke**.

5 Cracks in the Ground During Drought Conditions - A ball lying in or on any crack greater than 1/8th of an inch (3mm) wide in the General Area may be lifted, cleaned and dropped under Rule 16.1b.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A TEMPORARY LOCAL RULE: General Penalty
Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two strokes