

HILTON PARK: TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES

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- 1 PREFERRED LIES** A ball lying on a closely mown area through the green 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 and not on a putting green.
- 2 GROUND UNDER REPAIR**
 - a) On closely mown areas of the course and ground which has been damaged by previous rainfall is to be called as "Ground Under Repair" even if it is not so marked. Relief can then be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1.
 - b) Disturbed ground (earth/mud) areas adjacent to cleared drainage ditches are to be called "Ground Under Repair" even if it is not marked. Relief can then be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1 with the proviso that the ball cannot be dropped in a closely mown area if the disturbed ground is in the rough.
 - c) Disturbed ground caused by rooting animal shall be deemed "Ground Under Repair" even if it is not marked. Relief can be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1
- 3 RELIEF FOR AN EMBEDDED BALL** Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.
- 4 SEAMS OF TURF** Through the green, seams of turf (not the turf itself) are deemed to be "Ground Under Repair". However, interference by a seam with the player's stance is deemed to be, of itself, interference under Rule 16.1. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 16.1. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam.
- 5 AERATION HOLES**
 - a) On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may have its position marked, then replaced at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.
 - b) On a closely mown area, through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may after marking the position be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped 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.

Definitions:

Through the green: The whole of the course except a) the teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played and b) penalty areas.