

FORRESTER PARK GOLF CLUB

The Committee has declared that **PREFERRED LIES** (“Winter Rules”) will be in effect from and including **Sunday 1st October 2017**.

Quick Guide to Preferred Lies:

- Mark the position of your ball
- Lift and clean your ball
- Return* your ball within the stipulated area, no nearer the hole
- The ball is in play when returned and cannot be lifted again

For the avoidance of doubt, the full definition is as follows:

Closely-Mown[‡] Areas ‘through the green’

A ball may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must *PLACE it on a spot WITHIN SIX INCHES and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

Plugged in Rough or Semi-Rough[‡]

A ball lying embedded in its own pitch-mark (“plugged”) may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must *DROP it on a spot WITHIN ONE CLUB-LENGTH and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay.

A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it was placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is 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. (“Plugged” balls: read “drop” for “place”...)

If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it, moves the ball-marker prior to putting the ball back into play or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

[‡]Narrative:

In the context for this Rule, where there may be multiple heights of mowing, “Closely Mown” equates to the height of the fairway, which is deemed to be the same as the “1st Cut”. Areas of “2nd Cut” do not equate to “Closely Mown”.

Some areas of the course, for example around fairway bunkers, fairway borders and fringes of the greens, may feature “2nd Cut” mowing, from which relief under Preferred Lies is limited to a ‘plugged’ lie. If in doubt, please consult with your playing partners before lifting your ball and potentially incurring a penalty.