

LOCAL RULE

PREFERRED LIES

Purpose

This ruling clarifies the placement of a ball under the "Preferred Lies" Local Rule. Basically the ball must be marked before lifting and must be placed only on the fairway being played or its surrounds.

Local Rule

If a player's ball lies on the following areas, the player may mark, lift and clean his ball without penalty.

- The flowerbed adjacent to the 6th/15th Tee Block
- Any crack in the ground through the green

Before lifting, the player must mark the position of the ball. The player must then place the ball on a spot within one club-length (if on the fairway) or one card length (if on apron of the green) of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

"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."

"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."

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