

Additional Local Rules in Play

Preferred Lies

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: 6 inches from the reference point, **but** with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
 - Must be in the general area.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.

East/West Public Footpath

The East/West Path that runs across the course is within an area defined as a Red Penalty area and therefore relief can be taken with a **one-stroke penalty** under Rule 17.1d

In Summary

If your ball is on the East/West Path you can either play the ball as it lies or drop back behind the red line or post, taking a 1 stroke penalty. If the ball is not found it needs to be known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in the penalty area. Therefore if it is not known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in a penalty area and the ball is lost, the player must take stroke-and-distance relief under Rule 18.2.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Rule 17.1: General Penalty under Rule 14.7a.

Safety Fencing along the East/West Public Footpath

The Safety Fencing that protects some stretches of the East/West Public Footpath is within an area defined as a Red Penalty area and therefore relief can be taken with a **one-stroke penalty** under Rule 17.1d

In Summary

If your ball is on or close to the Safety Fence you can either play the ball as it lies or drop back behind the red line or post, taking a 1 stroke penalty. If the ball is not found it needs to be known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in the penalty area. Therefore if it is not known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in a penalty area and the ball is lost, the player must take stroke-and-distance relief under Rule 18.2.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Rule 17.1: General Penalty under Rule 14.7a.

Red Posts defining Penalty Area

All red stakes defining the penalty area are immovable obstructions. Relief from interference by a Red Stake is allowed under Rule 16.1b, with the following modifications if the ball is within the penalty area:

Reference Point: The nearest point of complete relief must be in the penalty area.

Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: One club-length, but with these limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must be in the penalty area in which the ball came to rest,
- Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
- There must be complete relief from all interference by the immovable obstruction

If a Red Stake is moved prior to taking a shot, there is a 2 stroke penalty under rule 8.1a. If the Red Stake is replaced before the stroke is played there is no penalty (8.1c).

In Summary

If your ball or stance has interference from a red stake you may take free relief as long as it is not clearly unreasonable because of something from which the player is not allowed to take free relief, such as a boundary stake. If your ball lies in the penalty area you must drop in the penalty area.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule 16.1: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.

Trolley paths within the Red Penalty Area

Some trolley paths that lead into the East/West Public Footpath are within an area defined as a Red Penalty area and therefore relief can be taken with a **one-stroke penalty** under Rule 17.1d

In Summary

If your ball is on a trolley path that lies within the Red Penalty area you can either play the ball as it lies or drop back behind the red line or post, taking a 1 stroke penalty. If the ball is not found it needs to be known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in the penalty area. Therefore if it is not known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in a penalty area and the ball is lost, the player must take stroke-and-distance relief under Rule 18.2.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Rule 17.1: General Penalty under Rule 14.7a.