



“Bunker Rule”

When the Men's Club is playing "Preferred Lies" / "Winter Rules", the Men's Club will also allow players to use the Maplewood Men's Club "Bunker Rule":

When a ball comes to rest in a bunker, the player has the option to mark the ball, clean the ball, rake the area beneath their ball and stance, and place the ball as close as possible to the original position. Once the ball has been placed, the ball is in play.

Reminder: Per USGA Rule 12.2, 15.1, and 15.2, players may remove loose impediments and/or movable obstructions from the bunker with no penalty.

Reminder: Per USGA Rule 16.1c, for a one stroke penalty, the player may drop the ball outside of the bunker on a reference line going straight back from the hole, through the spot of the original ball.

Abnormal Course Conditions:

- In the event the ball comes to rest in **standing water**, the player may take relief within the bunker by identifying the nearest point, no closer to the hole, where the ball and their stance is no longer in standing water. Once the nearest point of relief has been identified, the player may then use the "Bunker Rule" to mark the ball, clean the ball, rake the area beneath their ball and stance, and place the ball as close as possible to the nearest point of relief.
- In the event the ball comes to rest in an area in the bunker that has been "**washed out**", which is defined as an unquestionable crevice created by running/pooling water in the sand, the player may take relief within the bunker by identifying the nearest point, no closer to the hole, where the ball is no longer in the "washed out" area. Once the nearest point of relief has been identified the player may then use the "Bunker Rule" to mark the ball, clean the ball, rake the area beneath the ball and their stance, and place the ball as close as possible to the nearest point of relief.
- Per USGA Rule 16.1c, if there is no point of relief from standing water or a "washed out" area (ie., "abnormal ground condition") within the bunker, that is not nearer to the hole, the player may take relief using the point of maximum available relief within the bunker (ie., closer to the hole).