



Maplewood Men's Club Preferred Lies

When conditions warrant using Preferred Lies through the General Area, the following Local Rule will be used.

General Area

A ball lying on a closely mown area in the *general area* 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 one club-length of and not nearer the *hole* than where it originally lay, that is in the same cut of grass and not in a penalty area.

A ball lying outside the closely mown area, in the *general area*, 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 of and not nearer the *hole* than where it originally lay, that is in the same cut of grass and not in a penalty area.

A player may place his ball only once. It is *in play* when it has been placed ([Rule 14.2b\(2\)](#)). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it was placed, it must be replaced ([Rule 14.2e](#)). 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. ([Rule 9.2](#))

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, **player incurs a penalty of one stroke.**

Note: The “General Area” covers the entire area of the course except for the following:

1. The teeing area the player must use in starting the hole ([Rule 6.2](#)),
2. All penalty areas ([Rule 17](#)),
3. All bunkers ([Rule 12](#)),
4. The putting green of the hole being played ([Rule 13](#)).

Note: "Closely mown area" means any *general area* including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

Exception: A player may not take relief under this Rule if it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a stroke at his ball in its original position. Player would then proceed under Unplayable Ball Rule ([Rule 19](#))