



Temporary Local Rule Relief from Seams of Cut Turf

Course: Buddon Course

Hole: All Holes

Effective From: 28th March 2025

Purpose: Due to the major irrigation works through the winter on The Buddon Course, a golfer may encounter an unfair lie where a ball may come to rest on the seam of newly laid turf or on the seam of turf not yet fully healed.

Temporary Local Rule

If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing:

(a) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under [Rule 16.1b](#).

(b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under [Rule 16.1d](#).

But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under [Rule 14.3c\(2\)](#) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under [Rule 14.7a](#).