



Maplewood Men's Club Preferred Lies

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

Through the Green

A ball lying on a closely mown area through the green 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 not in a *hazard* and not on a *putting green*. The ball must remain in the same cut of grass.

A ball lying outside the closely mown area but still through the green 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 not in a *hazard* and not on a *putting green*. The ball must remain in the same cut of grass.

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

Note: "Through the Green" is the whole area of the course except:

1. The teeing ground and putting green of hole being played; and
2. All hazards on the course.

Note: "Closely mown area" means any area of the *course*, 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 [28](#))

*PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match play - Loss of hole; Stroke play - Two strokes.

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*If a player incurs the general penalty for a breach of this Local Rule, no additional penalty under the Local Rule is applied.