



Rule Change: Relief for an Embedded Ball

Relief is allowed without penalty only when your ball is embedded in the general area or putting green. If your ball is embedded on the putting green, you may mark the spot of your ball, lift and clean it, repair the damage, and replace your ball on its original spot.



Exceptions – When Relief Not Allowed for Ball Embedded in General Area:

- When your ball is embedded in sand in a part of the general area that is not cut to fairway height or less, or
- When interference by anything other than your ball being embedded makes your stroke clearly unreasonable (for example, when you are unable to make a stroke because of where your ball lies in a bush).

Your ball is embedded only if it is in its own pitch-mark made as a result of your previous stroke and part of your ball is below the level of the ground.

How to take relief from general area:

The player drops the original ball or a substituted ball within one club-length of (but not nearer the hole than) the spot right behind where the ball was embedded.

****General Area** - the area of the course that covers all of the course except for the four defined areas: teeing area of hole you are playing, penalty areas, bunkers and the putting green of the hole you are playing