

As our course treats GUR according to the defined term,

"[Ground under repair](#)" is any part of the [course](#) so marked by order of the [Committee](#) or so declared by its authorized representative. All ground and any grass, bush, tree or other growing thing within the [ground under repair](#) are part of the [ground under repair](#). [Ground under repair](#) includes material piled for removal and a hole made by a greenkeeper, even if not so marked. Grass cuttings and other material left on the [course](#) that have been abandoned and are not intended to be removed are not [ground under repair](#) unless so marked.

When the margin of [ground under repair](#) is defined by stakes, the stakes are inside the [ground under repair](#), and the margin of the [ground under repair](#) is defined by the nearest outside points of the stakes at ground level. When both stakes and lines are used to indicate [ground under repair](#), the stakes identify the [ground under repair](#) and the lines define the margin of the [ground under repair](#). When the margin of [ground under repair](#) is defined by a line on the ground, the line itself is in the [ground under repair](#). The margin of [ground under repair](#) extends vertically downwards but not upwards.

A ball is in [ground under repair](#) when it lies in or any part of it touches the [ground under repair](#).

Stakes used to define the margin of or identify [ground under repair](#) are [obstructions](#).

Note: The Committee may make a Local Rule prohibiting play from ground under repair or an environmentally-sensitive area defined as [ground under repair](#).

we only mention Local abnormal conditions.

***RULE 2. ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITION (Rule 25-1)**

- A hole, cast or runway made by a burrowing animal, reptile or bird. **NO RELIEF FOR STANCE.**

We only grant relief for the lie of the ball and not for the player's stance in the instance of a hole, cast or runway made by a burrowing animal, reptile or bird. The reason is that because we have so many of these on the course, you could effectively end up 10 – 15 metres away from where you first started taking relief if relief was granted for the stance as well.

Yes, you do get relief in a bunker, but not in a water/lateral water hazard. (Remember that a water and lateral water hazard have their special water/lateral water hazard rules and we operate under those if we are in a water or lateral water hazard.)

- Crushed stone spillage from drainage work – **not if in a water or lateral water hazard.**

Once again, if your ball is in a water or lateral water hazard, operate under the water/lateral water hazard rules.

For Local Rule 2, FREE relief is available. Full relief must be taken if proceeding under this local rules, otherwise a 2-stroke penalty in stroke play or loss of hole in match play will be applicable.

This means that after taking relief you must not have interference from the condition you are taking relief from.

EXCEPTIONS: NO RELIEF IS AVAILABLE IF:

a) Interference by anything OTHER than the condition covered by this local rules makes the stroke clearly impracticable, or

If you have no shot because of a tree/bush or Out of Bounds fence being in your way – you do not get free relief!!!

b) Interference by the condition covered by these local rules would occur only through use of an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing or direction of play.

You do not get relief if you take a crazy stance or swing to force the condition to be in your way!!

When do You Get Relief?

You get relief from ground under repair when your ball, stance or intended swing is interfered with by the area. If any part of your ball or stance lies on the marked line, it is considered in the ground under repair. The margin of GUR extends vertically downwards, but not upwards, which means if a bush or tree overhangs the GUR line, it is still considered part of the GUR. You may also take relief if you are on the putting green and a marked area is on your line of putt.

Relief Procedure

When dropping from ground under repair, you must find the **nearest point of relief** (NOT THE NICEST POINT) and drop within one club length of that point, not nearer the hole. Make sure you drop the ball no closer to the hole. When dropping, hold your arm shoulder high and drop the ball straight down. If you are still standing in the ground under repair after you dropped, you must drop again. Your ball is in play after you have dropped and there is no interference from the ground under repair. (on a putting green, the ball is placed)

In a Bunker

When part of a bunker is marked ground under repair, you must take relief at your nearest point within the bunker. If complete relief is impossible, the player may take maximum available free relief in the bunker or drop outside the marked bunker under penalty of one stroke. He must keep the point where the ball was between the hole and where he's dropping.

Playing from Ground Under Repair

It is **not** mandatory to drop from ground under repair. You always have the option to play a ball from ground under repair **unless it is prohibited by Local Rule.**