



Temporary Local Rules - 29th June 2020

Preferred Lies in Bunkers – Model Local Rule E-3

Purpose: To provide a 'fair' lie in bunkers due to the absence of rakes.

LONG FORM

When a player's ball lies in a bunker, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: 6 inches from the reference point, **but** with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
- Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
- Must be in the bunker.

The area must not be smoothed before placing a ball. In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

SHORT FORM

When a player's ball lies in a bunker, the player may prefer the lie within 6 inches. The area must not be smoothed before placing a ball. See Model Local Rule E-3 for details of how this must be done.

The penalty for breach of this Local Rule is the General Penalty

Note: If the ball remains in the bunker after the player has attempted a stroke, the player has the option of applying a preferred lie to the next stroke and all subsequent strokes if required.

Prohibiting the Removal of the Flagstick

Purpose: To protect players from spread of Covid-19.

During a round, a player must not remove the flagstick. The penalty for breach of this Local Rule is the General Penalty.

Note: The ball retriever attached to the flagstick and located within the hole should always be used to remove the ball from the hole. However, there is no penalty applied if a player does not use this device.