

How to take relief



The Rules of Golf allow a player to take relief without penalty from cart paths, ground under repair and casual water. Anytime the lie of a player's ball, his stance, or the area of his intended swing are affected by one of these situations, the player is entitled to lift and clean his ball, then drop it within one club-length of the spot where the player would have complete relief. To summarize the actual routine for taking relief: (1) take your stance, avoiding the interference, no nearer the hole; (2) determine where your clubhead would lie, given this stance, and if you like, mark this point with a tee; (3) drop at this point or within one club-length of it, no nearer the hole.