

## Nearest Point of Relief



The nearest point of relief is the reference point for taking relief without penalty from interference by an immovable obstruction (Rule 24-2), an abnormal ground condition (Rule 25-1) or a wrong putting green (Rule 25-3).

It is the point on the course nearest to where the ball lies:

- (i) that is not nearer the hole, and
- (ii) where, if the ball were so positioned ensures no continued interference by the condition from which relief is being taken

In order to determine the nearest point of relief accurately you should use the club with which you would have made your next stroke, if the condition you are taking relief from were not there.

Remember you are determining the nearest point of relief, not the nicest! Once you have established the nearest point of relief, the ball is then dropped within one club length of this point, not nearer the hole.

**See Def. Nearest Point of Relief**

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