



SCOTTISH GOLF  
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# Scottish Golf Union Rules Reminder 9

## Preferred Lies



A Committee may adopt a Local Rule to play preferred lies under adverse course conditions, where the Committee believes that the use of preferred lies would promote fair play or protect the golf course. Preferred Lies may only be taken on closely mown areas, through the green.

**When taking a preferred lie, player's must before lifting a ball, mark its position.**

**In CONGU Qualifying Competitions, once a player lifts his ball to take a preferred lie he must replace it within 6 inches (150mm) of, and not nearer the hole than, it's original position.**

The CONGU Unified Handicapping System allows Committees to run competitions as Qualifying Competitions for handicapping purposes when preferred lies are adopted due to adverse course conditions, during the period 1 October to 30 April. Outwith this period permission from the Area Authority or Union must be first obtained before adopting preferred lies for Qualifying Competitions.

**See Rules of Golf, App.1, 3b.  
CONGU Unified Handicapping System, Clause 15**

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