



# Abnormal Ground Conditions



## What is an Abnormal Ground Condition?

- Any casual water, ground under repair or hole, cast or runaway on the course made by a burrowing animal, a reptile or a bird.

## When do you have Interference?

- **Stance:** If any part of your stance lies on the abnormal ground condition.
- **Area of Intended Swing:** If your club could contact the abnormal ground condition at address or during any part of your swing. (No relief when your **ball** lies in a **water hazard**)
- **Lie of Ball:** If your ball lies in or on the abnormal ground condition.

## How do you take relief?

- Find your nearest point of relief and without penalty drop the ball **within one club length** no closer to the *hole*. You **must** achieve complete relief from the obstruction.

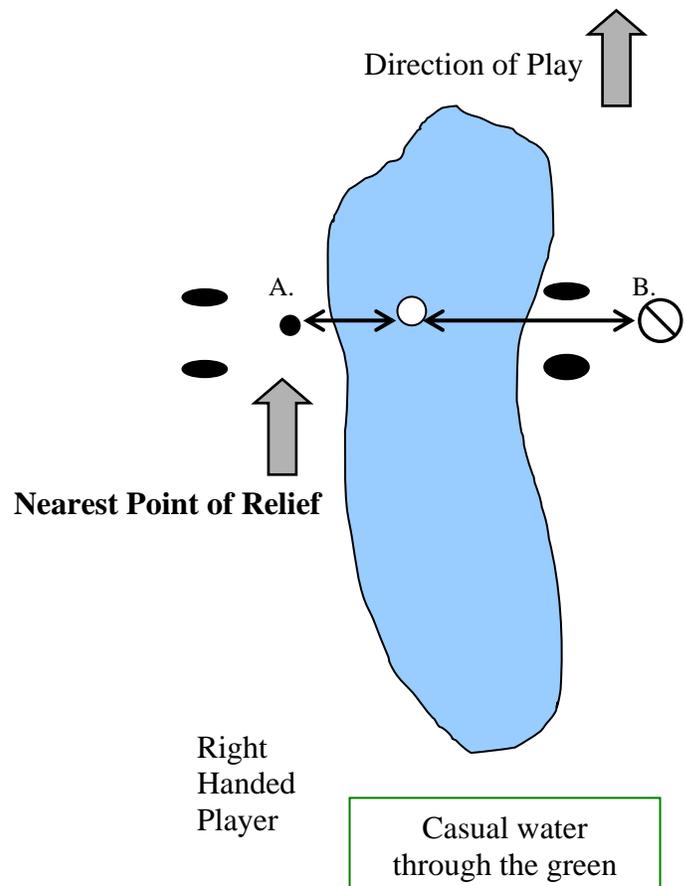
## How to Proceed

**Step 1:** Find **Nearest Point of Relief** (not nearer the hole) so abnormal ground condition does not interfere with:

- Swing
  - Stance
  - Lie of Ball
- **See Diagram:** Point A is **nearest** to the ball's original position, so it is the nearest point of relief.

**Step 2:** Drop the ball within **one club length** of the **Nearest Point of Relief**:

- Not Nearer the Hole
- Take **complete relief** where there is no interference for lie, stance, and area of intended swing (not in a hazard or on a putting green.)



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