

RULES' REMINDERS

During a couple of our past events two of the Rules of Golf have been stated and/or used incorrectly. The Rules of Golf are never open to interpretation or modifications.

Relief from tree roots.

The Rules of Golf provide for the safety of the player if they find their ball close to tree roots when trying to make a stroke that can injure them.

There is **NO free relief**, but a player is allowed to use Rule 19, Unplayable Ball with a one stroke penalty.

Your three options

Stroke and distance. Play another ball from where you played your last stroke.

Drop a ball back on the line of relief from where your ball lies, in line with the pin as far back as you like.

Lateral relief. Drop a ball two club lengths from where your ball lies, no closer to the pin.

All options incur a **one stroke penalty**.

Provisional ball

A player is only allowed to play a Provisional ball for a ball that is **LOST or OUT OF BOUNDS.**

You cannot play a Provisional ball when you think your ball may have gone into a PENALTY AREA such as a body of water. Penalty Areas have their own specific Rule, Rule 17, and playing a Provisional ball is not one of them.

I hope this helps you.

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