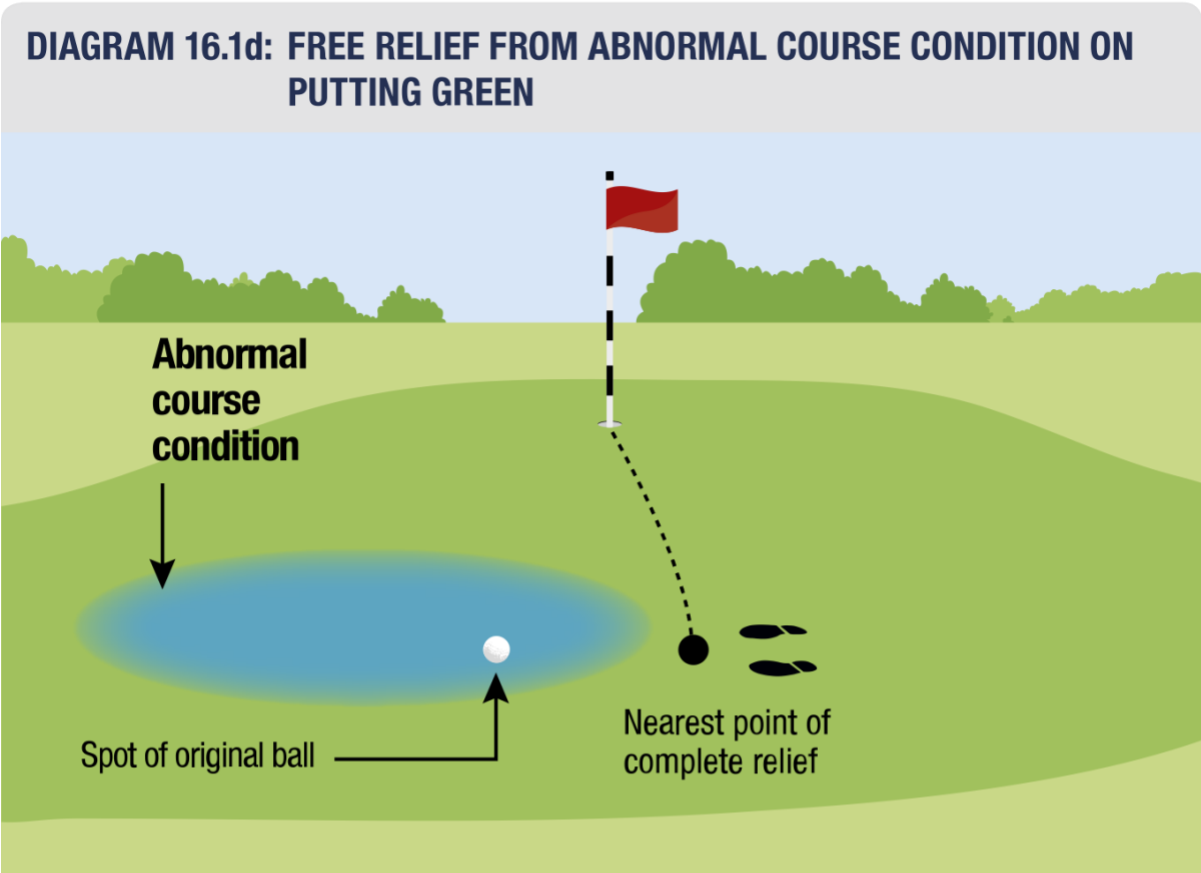


16.1d: Free Relief from Abnormal Course Condition on Putting Green

Ground Under Repair on Putting Green: If the ball lies on the putting green, the player may lift the ball and place it, without penalty, at the nearest point of relief that is not in a penalty area or, if complete relief is impossible, at the nearest position to where it lay that affords maximum available relief from the condition, but not nearer the hole and not in a penalty area. The nearest point of relief or maximum available relief may be off the putting green.



The diagram assumes the player is left-handed. When a ball is on the putting green and there is interference by an abnormal course condition, free relief may be taken by placing a ball on the spot of the nearest point of complete relief.

Reference Point	Size of Relief Area	Limits on Relief Area
The nearest point of complete relief	Ball must be placed on the spot of the nearest point of complete relief	The nearest point of complete relief must be either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the putting green, or • In the general area

Player Notes:

- When taking relief, you must take complete relief from all interference by the abnormal course condition.
- If there is no such nearest point of complete relief, you may still take this free relief by using the point of maximum available relief as the reference point, which must be either on the putting green or in the general area.