

# OREGON CITY MEN'S CLUB

## Preferred Lies (Winter Rules)

**A ball may be moved through the green with the following restrictions:**

A ball shall not be moved when it lies within 36 inches of the base of a tree, stump, bush, or shrub; or when it lies within 36 inches of Out of Bounds. Through the green is the entire area of the golf course except the teeing ground, putting green of the hole being played, and all bunkers and hazards on the course.

If lifted, the ball shall be marked, it may be cleaned, and shall be placed no more than **1 club length** from its original lie, no nearer the hole. Use of a club to move the ball is prohibited. A ball so lifted is deemed back in play once it has been placed. A ball is considered placed once it has been at rest for 5 seconds. A ball back in play that moves prior to address must be played as it lies unless rule 18 requires replacement. A player may not obtain relief under this rule if it is clearly unreasonable to play a stroke.

**A ball embedded in its own pitch mark may be lifted, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the original lie.** The embedded ball rule will be in effect through the green. **While winter rules are in effect**, when an embedded ball is lost beyond a reasonable doubt in wet or soft turf, another ball may be put into play as near as possible to the spot the original ball was lost, without penalty.

The general penalty for breach of this rule is two strokes in stroke play and loss of hole in match play.