

GUR (Ground Under Repair)

Ground under repair is an area on the golf course considered unfit for play. A player can drop out of this area with no penalty. Ground under repair is normally marked by a white circle or stakes. The golf course or tournament committee is responsible for marking all such areas as ground under repair.

When You Get Relief

You get relief from ground under repair when your ball, stance or intended swing is interfered with by the area. If any part of your ball or stance lies on the marked line, it is considered in the ground under repair. You may also take relief if you are on the putting green and a marked area is in your line.

Relief Procedure

When dropping from ground under repair, you must take the nearest point of relief (stance) and one club length. Make sure you drop the ball no closer to the hole. When dropping, hold your arm shoulder high and drop the ball straight down. If you are still standing in the ground under repair after you dropped, you must drop again. Your ball is in play after you have dropped and there is no interference from the ground under repair.

In a Bunker

When part of a bunker is marked ground under repair, you must take relief at your nearest point within the bunker. If complete relief is impossible, the player may drop outside the marked bunker under penalty of one stroke. He must keep the point where the ball was between the hole and where he's dropping.

Playing from Ground Under Repair

It is not mandatory to drop from ground under repair. You always have the option to play a ball from ground under repair unless the golf course prohibits it.

