



2026 COMPETITIONS REMINDERS

- **PREFERRED LIES** - **ONE SCORECARD-LENGTH**, CLOSELY MOWN AREAS ONLY.
- **BROKEN OR DAMAGED CLUB** - A COMPONENT CARRIED BY A PLAYER OR ANOTHER PERSON (E.G., AN EXTRA CLUBHEAD) MAY BE USED AS A REPLACEMENT, BUT ONLY WHEN THE DAMAGED CLUB IS ELIGIBLE FOR REPLACEMENT UNDER THE CURRENT LOCAL RULE.
- **2 & 2 RELIEF** - HOLES IN CLOSELY MOWN AREAS THAT ARE TREATED AS GROUND UNDER REPAIR BY A REFEREE ARE INCLUDED IN 2 & 2 RELIEF (E.G., SAME AS AN OBSTRUCTION). **CONSULT A REFEREE.**
- **INTERNAL OUT OF BOUNDS** - CHECK THE NOTICE TO PLAYERS WEEKLY. AN INTERNAL OUT OF BOUNDS MAY BE FOR STROKES MADE FROM THE TEEING AREA ONLY.
- **PITCH-MARK RELIEF** - WHEN YOUR BALL IS EMBEDDED IN ITS OWN PITCH-MARK, PROCEED AS NORMAL.
 - IF YOUR BALL MAY BE EMBEDDED IN A PITCH-MARK MADE BY ANOTHER PLAYER, RELIEF MAY BE AVAILABLE. **CONSULT A REFEREE.**
 - RELIEF WILL NOT BE GIVEN FROM A REPAIRED, PRESSED DOWN, OR SMOOTHED OVER PITCH-MARK.

QUESTIONS? SEEK A MEMBER OF THE RULES COMMITTEE.