

# Winter Greens

## Rule 13.1f. Relief Must Be Taken from Wrong Green

### 1) Interference

Interference occurs when:

- Any part of the player's ball touches a wrong green or lies on or in anything (such as a loose impediment or an obstruction) and is inside the edge of a wrong green, or
- A wrong green physically interferes with the player's area of intended stance or area of intended swing.

### 2) Relief Must Be Taken

When there is interference by a wrong green, a player must not play the ball as it lies.

Instead, the player must take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

- Reference Point: The nearest point of complete relief in the same area of the course where the original ball came to rest.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: One club-length, **but** with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
  - Must be in the same area of the course as the reference point,
  - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
  - There must be complete relief from all interference by the wrong green.

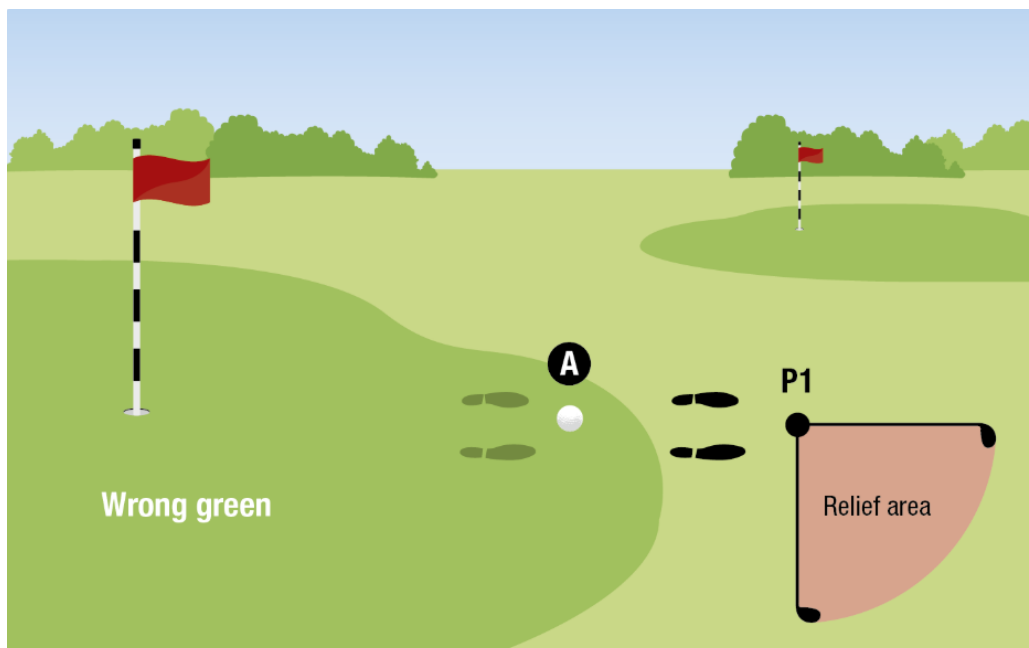
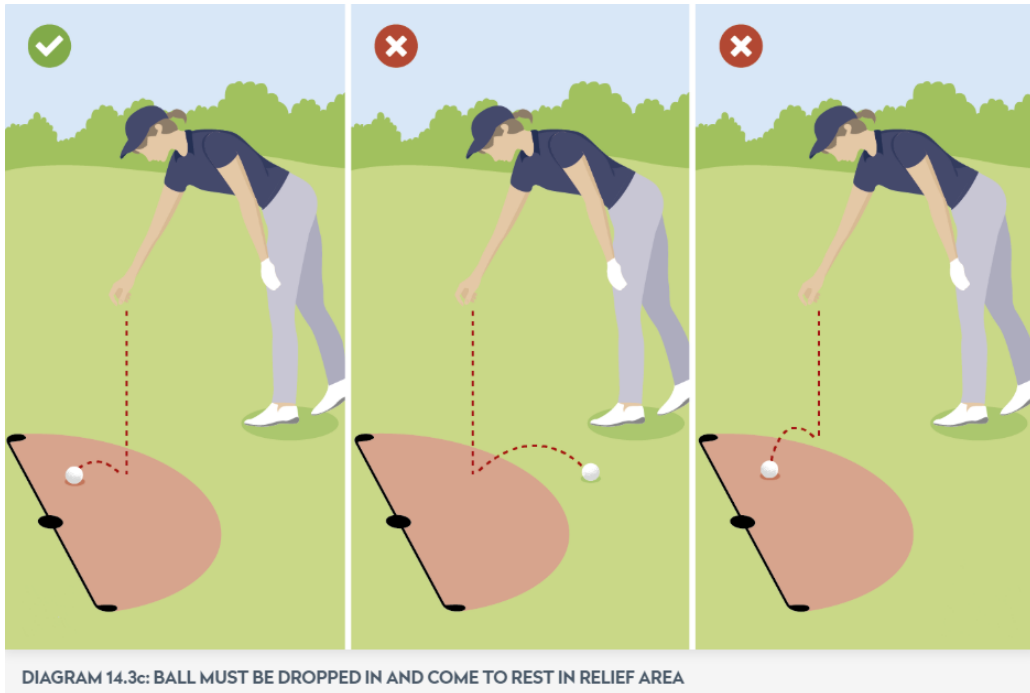


DIAGRAM 13.1f: FREE RELIEF FROM WRONG GREEN

When there is interference by a wrong green, free relief must be taken. The diagram assumes a right-handed player. Ball A lies on the wrong green, and the nearest point of complete relief for Ball A is at P1, which must be in the same area of the course where the original ball came to rest (in this case, the general area). The relief area is one club-length from the reference point, is not nearer to the hole than the reference point and must be in the same area of the course where the original ball came to rest. The player must take complete relief from the wrong green.

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## Rule 14.3:



### In simple terms:

- You cannot play the ball from a wrong green.
- You cannot stand on a wrong green to play a ball that is just outside of the wrong green.
- You are also not allowed to putt off a wrong green.