

## Obstructions Near the Putting Green

Local rule #8, on page 49 of your WOWGG roster book answers the question,  
" Can I take free relief from a sprinkler head if it is my line of chipping or putting?"



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Relief from interference by abnormal course conditions may be taken under Rule 16-1.

In addition, if a ball lies off the [putting green](#) but not in a penalty area, and an abnormal course condition (**Such as a sprinkler head, drain, or sprinkler valve cover**) on or within two club-lengths of the [putting green](#) and within two club-lengths of the ball, intervenes on the [line of play](#) between the ball and the [hole](#), the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the [hole](#), (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a penalty area or on a [putting green](#). The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

The size of the relief area under our local rule is on the nearest point described above, not one club length.

If there is an abnormal course condition such as immovable obstructions, animal holes, ground under repair or temporary water, proceed under rule 16-1.

For a complete description of Rule 16-1 see the following link:

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/rules-of-golf/rule-16.html>