



Oct 24th, 2022

SVGC Members,

RE: Preferred lies "Winter rules"

The change of season is finally upon us:

1. Preferred lies allowed in the fairway from tee to green starting Oct. 24th, 2022
2. Lift-clean-and-place in "closely mown areas" during the round, without penalty in the fairway and you may move the ball up to six inches in any direction (but no closer to the hole)
3. Please continue to post all scores for handicap purposes

Club Captain

Reference:

<https://www.golfcanada.ca/articles/preferred-lies-in-bad-weather-not-so-fast/>

"First, let's define what preferred lies are. Preferred Lies (or Winter Rules) is a local rule that may be adopted by the committee in charge of a course when adverse conditions are so apparent throughout a course that improving the lie of the ball in a specified way would promote fair play and help protect the turf. Scores made when this local rule is in effect must be posted for handicap purposes unless the committee (preferably the Handicap Committee) determines that conditions are so poor that such scores are not to be posted, in which case the committee should really consider suspending play anyway. For clarification, individual golfers playing the course do not independently decide whether scores are acceptable because of this condition."

<https://www.golfcanada.ca/articles/handicapping-active-seasons/>

BC's active season runs from March 1st – November 15th