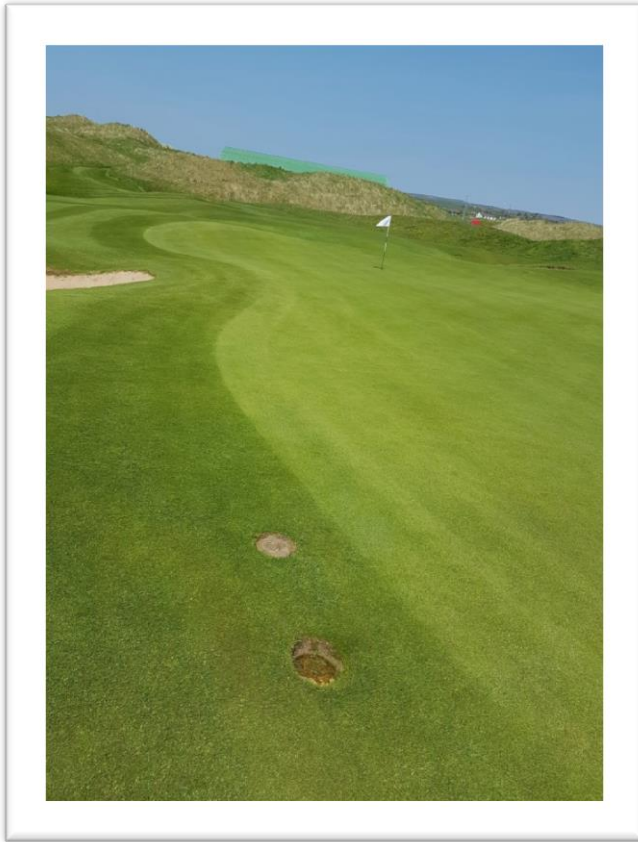


Sprinkler Head



A sprinkler head is an immovable obstruction.

Relief from the sprinkler head may be taken only **IF** a ball lies in or on the obstruction, or the obstruction interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing. Rule 24-2

To take relief, without penalty, the player must drop the ball within a club length of the nearest (not nicest) point of relief, not on the putting green, not nearer the hole.

If the ball lies on the putting green, the player is also entitled to relief from interference to his line of putt. Otherwise intervention on the line of play is **not** interference under this rule.

Often on some links courses, the apron of the green may be so closely mown that players may wish to putt from off the green. An additional local rule for "immovable obstructions close to the putting green" may be in play, check the local rules for the course. The wording for such a local rule will usually be printed on the score card, "*if a ball lies through the green and an immovable obstruction on or within 2 club lengths of the putting green and within 2 club lengths of the ball intervenes with the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief by dropping a ball at the nearest point of relief*". In summary, to be entitled to take relief from a sprinkler head that interferes with the line of play, it must be a) within 2 club lengths of the green, b) 2 club lengths of the ball and c) there must be the above local rule in play.

This local rule is not in play in Galway Golf Club.

For further information see rule 24 and local rules at the back of the rule book.

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