New Wording for Preferred Lies 2019

With the change to the Rules of Golf for 2019, the wording for Preferred Lies has changed.

The long form, should be used by clubs on their noticeboards and signage. The shortform is suitable for use on the scorecard.

**Long Form**

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- **Reference Point:** Spot of the original ball.
- **Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point:** 6 inches from the reference point, **but** with these limits:
- **Limits on Location of Relief Area:**
  - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
  - Must be in the general area.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

**Short Form**

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may prefer the lie within 6 inches. See Model Local Rule E-3 for details of how this must be done.

For the full text of any Model Local Rules referenced, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the General Penalty.