

Members who have played the course since Monday 24th will have noticed tractor tyre indentations around hedging on the fringes of the course and along some internal hedging and in the rough outside the treeline on the 18th hole.

By default, Tractor marks are not automatically regarded as ground under repair. This is fully covered in the R and A decisions on the rules of golf under decision 25/16 found here : <http://www.randa.org/Rules-of-Golf/MainRules/25-Abnormal-Ground-Conditions-Embedded-Ball-and-Wrong-Putting-Green#38796894644444619B54FE33D5A893C5>

The exact text is as follows:

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Is a rut made by a tractor considered a hole made by a greenkeeper and thus ground under repair? If not, should the Committee declare such a rut to be ground under repair?

A.

Such a rut is not a hole made by a greenkeeper. The Committee would be justified in declaring a deep rut to be ground under repair, but not a shallow indentation made by greenkeeping equipment.

However due to the nature of the indentations made by the equipment on the course the Match and Handicap Committee in conjunction with the greenkeeper have decided to declare these as GUR.

The only “tractor marks” that are included in this temporary ruling are those that match the photographs below. Relief is not provided from any other marks.



All relief is to be taken in line with R and A regulations

If the ball lies through the green the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green. When the ball is dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, the ball must first strike a part of the course at a spot that avoids interference by the condition and is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.