

LEAVES

SOME RULES YOU SHOULD KNOW

Leaves are loose impediments (natural objects which are not growing or fixed)

This also includes branches , loose grass & twigs etc

On the Putting Green

Leaves may be removed from your line of putt provided you do not press anything down
If your ball accidentally moves whilst removing leaves there is NO penalty (replace your ball)

Through the green

Leaves piled up **intended** for removal are treated as Ground Under Repair (GUR) - Free drop

When preferred lies in place it is recommended to mark your ball before removing leaves

If your ball is moved by **your playing partner** in stroke play there is NO penalty

If in the act of moving leaves your ball moves you incur a **1 stroke penalty**

If your ball is moved by **you** in stroke play you incur a **1 stroke penalty**

E.g. In searching for a ball you kick leaves and your ball moves you incur a **1 stroke penalty**

In Hazards (Bunkers and Water Hazards)

Leaves or any other loose impediment cannot be moved except to identify your ball

If you move leaves to identify your ball you must replace the leaves so that you have the same lie.

For example if your ball is entirely covered by leaves you can remove them to identify

your ball but **YOU MUST** put the leaves back afterwards. You may leave a small part visible.