

9th HOLE AT LAMBERHURST: The Road Hole

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The road and path across the 9th fairway incorporating the blue lined area is a single abnormal course condition . If your ball comes to rest in this area or there is interference with your stance or swing, free relief is available under Rule 16.1. The relief area in which you must drop your ball is one club length from the nearest point of complete relief (NPCR), including stance, with reference to the blue lines, not nearer the hole. Once dropped, the ball must come to rest within this relief area.

- If your ball is in the road where there is no line – e.g. beyond the hedge, 1 club length from the NPCR is allowed without penalty. This means that you could drop on the verge, but you can't stand on any part of the road to make your shot. Anywhere outside this one-club relief incurs a penalty shot. *It might be in your best interests to putt the ball up the road to the area covered by the blue lines (even better to get it past the path area too), and then proceed under the local rules to obtain free relief. It has cost you one shot for the putt, but you may be in a better position to play your next shot*

Four examples of possible lies:

A beyond the hedge, in the road: relief is rarely an option because the verge is so rough, best to either putt up the road to the blue box zone, then take relief, or, under penalty, either play the shot again from the original position, or go back in line with the ball and pin as far as you wish

B on the path part of the road, within the blue lines: take relief from the area inside the blue lines. (difficult lies here, maybe treat as A above and putt along the road first)

C The Nearest Point of Complete Relief is probably on the Green side of the road. You need to check, and remember THERE IS ONLY ONE NPCR

D Very straightforward. Find the spot behind the blue line which is the NPCR for both stance and ball, and drop within one club length of that point

