



## Tournament Players Golf Club Rule and Play Information (AKA - The Rules By Ben)

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### The Unplayable Lie?

**K**now your rules: The Unplayable Lie, **no** you cannot re-drop if your ball rolls back into the unplayable lie.

**Rule 28 reads:** "The Player may declare his ball unplayable at any place on the course except when the ball lies in or touches a water hazard. The player is the sole judge as to whether his ball is unplayable. If the player deems his ball unplayable, he shall, under penalty of one stroke:

A. Play a ball as nearly possible at the last spot from which the original ball was last played;

Or

B .Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole;

Or

C. Drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped.

If the ball is unplayable in a bunker, the player may proceed under A. B, or C. If he elects to proceed under B or C a ball must be dropped in the bunker.

**Penalty for breach of rule in match play is loss of hole, in stroke play two strokes.**

**T**he point here is to be careful when you take an unplayable lie. If your ball is up against the boundary fence you do not get any relief from a boundary fence. You decide you have no shot so you want to declare an unplayable lie. If you take option B and go two club-lengths (no nearer the hole) from the ball, take your drop and your ball rolls up against the fence again it is tough luck Charlie. There is no additional free drop because your ball rolled back into an unplayable lie. You may only drop again, or use option A or C, by taking an additional penalty shot.

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