

# Taking Relief from an Immovable Obstructions

## How to determine the “nearest point of relief”



The *nearest point of relief* is the reference point for taking relief without penalty from interference by an immovable *obstruction* (Rule 24-2), an *abnormal ground condition* (Rule 25-1) or a *wrong putting green* (Rule 25-3).

It is the point on the course nearest to where the ball lies:

- (i) that is not nearer the hole, and
- (ii) where, if the ball were so positioned, no interference by the condition from which relief is sought would exist for the stroke the player would have made from the original position if the condition were not there.

Note: In order to determine the *nearest point of relief* accurately, the player should use the club with which he would have made the next stroke if the condition were not there to simulate the address position, direction of play and swing for such a stroke.

As you can see, the nearest point would be to the left side of the path (the orange line), even though the ball lies closer to the right side of the path.

