

Fairway Divot Rule

Given that Auburn is a municipal course that does not get the proper attention to fairway divot maintenance, we are implementing a league rule that effectively treats fairway divots as ground under repair. This will allow you a free drop when you are in the divot from hell. The intent of this rule is to not penalize someone who has hit a good shot but had the unfortunate luck to be in a divot. We are being very restrictive with this rule, because we also do not want any unfair advantage to be bestowed up the player. The following caveats are in effect:

- 1) The ball MUST BE IN THE FAIRWAY OF THE HOLE THAT THE PLAYER IS CURRENTLY PLAYING for this rule to be used. No exceptions to this. Rolling it off the tee into the unmown rough before the fairway is not the fairway. Same with the collar around the greens.
- 2) If it is questionable for any reason, consult playing partners. All must agree with the decision, or else ball is played from where it lies. Yes, one hard-ass wins. ☺ That being said, it is expected that all involved will comply with the intent of this rule and not vote against a free drop just to punish someone.
- 3) Ball cannot be cleaned (it is summer, should not matter anyway).
- 4) Ball must be DROPPED within one club length of where it lies in the divot, no closer to the hole