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Fairway Mats

A ball that comes to rest on any closely mown area through the green, **MUST** be lifted, optionally cleaned, then placed on and played from an Astroturf mat. Only mats provided by St Andrews Links may be used.

The mat must be placed within 6 inches but not nearer the hole to where the ball originally lay. The ball should be placed anywhere along the central line of the mat but not on any edge in an attempt to “tee up” the ball. Also a tee peg may be used to secure the mat but the ball must **NOT** be played from the tee peg.

If a ball when placed rolls from the mat, it must be replaced without penalty. If it still fails to remain on the mat, the mat must be moved to the nearest spot not nearer the hole where the ball, when placed on it, will remain at rest. There is no penalty should the ball move or be moved after being placed on the mat and before making a stroke, including when addressing the ball or taking a practice swing.

The only exceptions to the above are as follows:

1. A ball that comes to rest on a green surround or approach may be played without using a mat providing the player uses a putting stroke which should not take a divot from the ground.
2. A player should **NOT** use the Astroturf mat for teeing off on any hole.
3. A ball coming to rest on the tar roads crossing the 1st and 18th fairways and behind the 17th green of the Old Course must **NOT** be played from a mat.