

## SCENARIO

### **Rule 15.3b Ball Anywhere on Course Interfering with Play**

On a wet “cart path only” morning in February you hit towards the green on hole # 5 using your orange ball but to your dismay your ball goes left and lands in the greenside bunker. You sigh and hope your partner’s orange ball lands on the green. When you get to the top of the hill this is what you find:



The question is “What do you do?”

#### RULE 15.3b Ball Anywhere on Course Interfering with Play

If another player reasonably believes your ball might interfere with his or her play:

- The other player may require you to mark the spot and lift your ball, which must not be cleaned (except when you lifted it from the putting green).
- If you do not mark the spot before lifting your ball, or you clean the lifted ball when not allowed, **you get one penalty stroke.**
- In *stroke play only*, if you are required to lift your ball under this Rule, you may play first instead.

You are not allowed to lift your ball under this Rule based only on your belief that your ball might interfere with another player’s play.

If you lift your ball when not required to do so by another player (except when lifting the ball on the putting green), **you get one penalty stroke.**

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So referring to the picture above the ball closest to the pin is marked (Player A) and the ball furthest ball (Player B) is played. If there is interference from the “marker” of Player A, then Player A can span the ball. After the Player B has hit, Play A returns her ball to the original position.

NOTE: If the original position of Play A’s ball has been changed, then Play A must recreate the original lie. Remember Player A may not clean her ball.

Here is a short video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oR0Cv4VDtNo#action=share>