

# RULE OF THE MONTH with Tom & Chip



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SITUATION: Chip loves to drive fast ...



QUESTION: Is Chip right about dropping a ball under the embedded ball rule?

ANSWER: No, that rule only applies if a ball's embedded in its own pitch mark. In this case, the ball has been moved and its lie has been altered by an "outside influence." Therefore, Tom must place the ball without penalty on the nearest spot with a lie most similar to the original lie, not nearer the hole and not farther away than 1 club-length. Rules 9.6, 14.2d(2) and definition "Embedded."

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