

RULE OF THE MONTH with Tom & Chip



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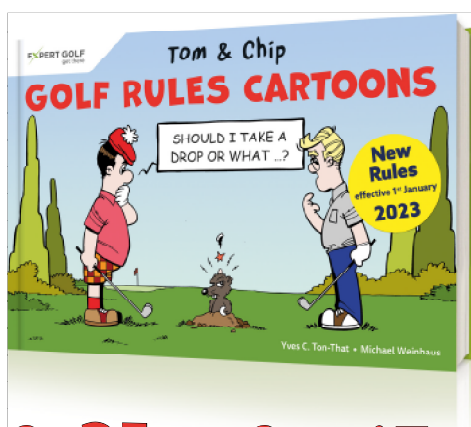
SITUATION: Chip's ball lands in an area of new grass ...



QUESTION: How should Chip proceed?

ANSWER: In stroke play, if Chip's unsure if he gets free relief, he should play two balls—one ball as it lies and one ball assuming it was lying in ground under repair, i.e., after taking a free drop. However, before doing so, Chip should announce which of the two balls he wishes to count in case both options conform to the rules; and before signing his score card, he must report the case to the Committee, even if he scored the same with both balls. This procedure of playing two balls doesn't exist in match play. Rules 20.1b(4) and 20.1c(3).

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