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SITUATION: Tom and Chip both hit their ball into the same bunker ...



QUESTION: Does Tom have to play the ball as it lies, or is he entitled to relief?

ANSWER: In principle, the ball should always be played as it lies or as it lay when it came to rest. If the conditions for a stroke were altered by another person, the player is entitled to restore them. Therefore, Tom may recreate the original lie—by removing the sand that landed on the ball—without penalty. Rule 8.1d(1).

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