

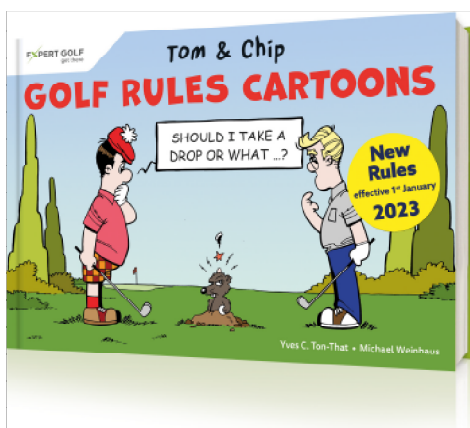
SITUATION: Chip's ball lands on a grass bank inside a penalty area ...



QUESTION: When playing a stroke from within a penalty area, is grounding the club behind the ball allowed or not?

ANSWER: Grounding the club in a penalty area and even setting it down in the water is permitted. When playing a ball as it lies from a penalty area, the same rules apply as in the general area. In the bunker, however, grounding the club in the sand behind the ball isn't allowed. Rules 17.1b and 12.2b(1).

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