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Mr Jeremy Parkman



Dear Mr Parkman

Thank you for your letter of 12th June concerning the "Bunker Plug" bunker drain.

I would confirm that, by Definition, such a bunker drain would be an immovable obstruction. As such, if the drain interfered with the lie of a player's ball, his stance or the area of his intended swing, relief would be available under Rule 24-2b, with the likely relief option coming under Rule 24-2b (ii)(a) or (b).

The Committee would also have the authority to declare such a drain to be an integral part of the course, thereby denying free relief, but I would not see that as a recommended option.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Director - Rules

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