

## DIAGRAM 16.3a: WHEN A BALL IS EMBEDDED



### **Ball is embedded**

Part of the ball (embedded in its own pitch-mark) is below the level of the ground.

← **Level of Ground**



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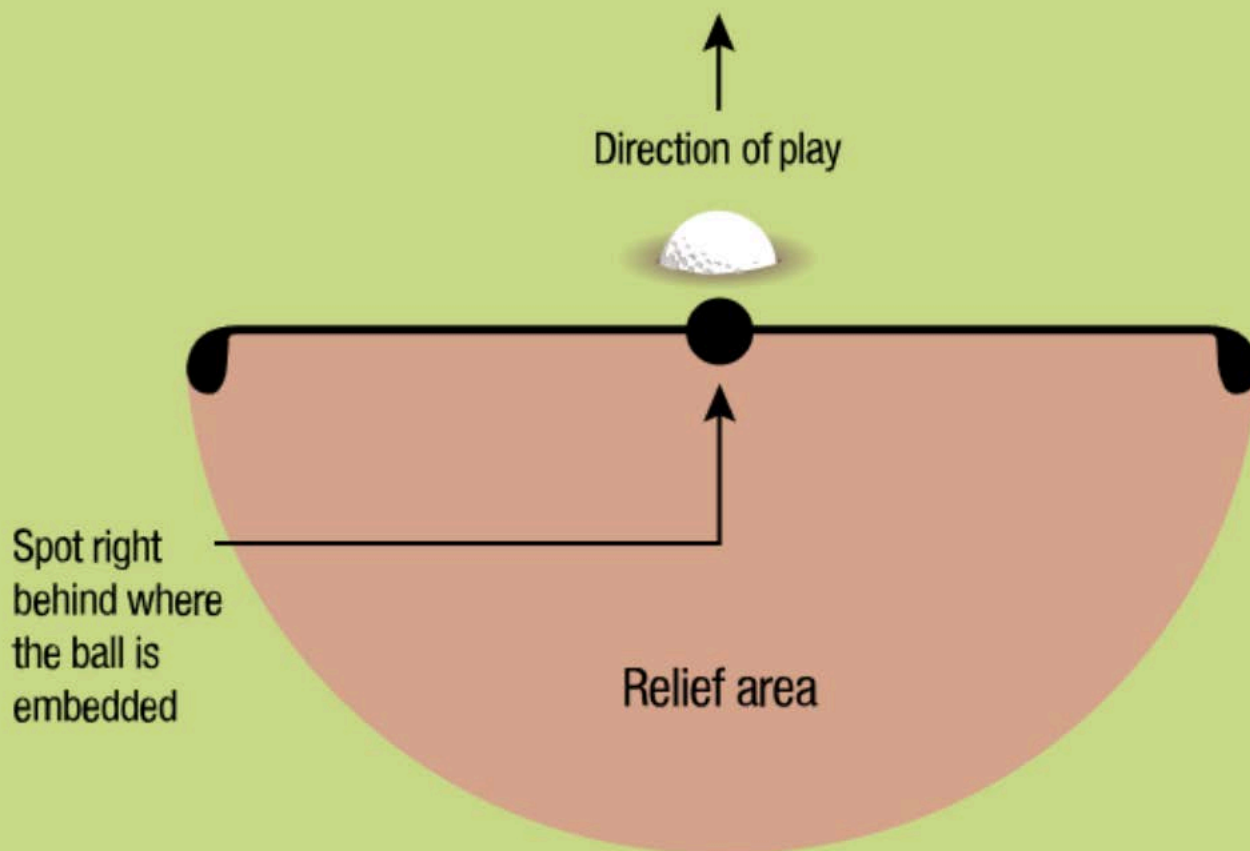
Despite the fact that the ball is not touching the soil, part of the ball (embedded in its own pitch-mark) is below the level of the ground.



### **Ball is NOT embedded**

Even though the ball is sitting down in the grass, relief is not available because no part of the ball is below the level of the ground.

## DIAGRAM 16.3b: FREE RELIEF FOR EMBEDDED BALL



When a ball is embedded in the general area, free relief may be taken. The reference point for taking relief is the spot right behind where the ball is embedded. A ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area. The relief area is one club-length from the reference point, is not nearer to the hole than the reference point and must be in the general area.