

The following was taken from the "Local Rules Manual" by the Northern California Golf Association who is trying to provide a uniform application of the Rules of Golf and to standardize score card language so as to make Rules of Golf and Local Rules mean the same to all members of NCGA member clubs.

### CART PATHS

The coming of powered carts brought cart paths and, of course, the need for rules to cover the effect they had on play. Since they are artificial they would seem to be obstructions but the USGA definition is specific in stating that "artificial surfaces and sides of roads and paths" are not obstructions. Therefore, a local rule must be used and under that section of the rules the USGA suggests that they be classified as ground under repair (GUR) utilizing Rule 32.

The NCGA, in the interest of uniformity, recommends that all its member clubs follow the USGA suggestion and declare cart paths ground under repair.

The problem of course, is in defining the areas to be called GUR so the player knows where they start and end and can distinguish them from areas that are simply worn into the form of paths from cart usage.

Clubs use many types of surfaces in the construction of paths; concrete, asphalt, gravel, D.G., brick and even rubber and carpeting, to name a few. Thus we suggest words like paved, artificially surfaced or constructed, be used in defining the path areas and that the local rule be written as follows;

#### Suggested Score Card Wording:

If a ball comes to rest on a constructed path or if such cart path interferes with the players stance or swing the ball may be dropped two club lengths from the point of the margin of such area nearest to which the ball originally lay, but not nearer the hole.

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