

# Rules of Golf

## Bunkers:



*If I'm in a bunker and just cannot get out, can I declare an unplayable lie and make a drop outside the bunker?*

Short answer – no. You can declare an unplayable lie, take the penalty and drop elsewhere in the bunker – but not outside the bunker.



*Bunkers are a type of hazard and shares certain rules with other hazards*

•You are not allowed to test the surface, nor move anything in the hazard (except man-made stuff like candy wrappers, coke bottles, rakes, etc.) **2 Stroke Penalty**

*What if you cannot find your ball in the bunker?*

If your ball may be buried in the sand or under leaves, you may use your club to probe for the ball. Once it is found, you can no longer touch the surface of the bunker. Nothing in the rules says you're entitled to see the whole ball or have the right to pick it up for any reason in a hazard. You are entitled to know where it is, so if the ball was buried and you found it, you can uncover a small portion before making a stroke.

Any grass covered areas, faces or mounds within a bunker are not part of the hazard and can be treated like other portions of the course.

***Waste Bunkers***

Crystal Springs Quarry has these large sandy "waste bunkers" that border holes 6-10. These are not hazards. You can ground your club, move stuff, and do all anything else you are allowed to do on the rest of the course without penalty.

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