



“What do I do when my ball is resting on Growing Grass in a Bunker?”



Let's start by determining which of the 5 areas of the course the ball is lying.

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Turn to page 65. It is **Rule 12 – Bunkers**.

You don't have to read a word to find your answer. 🗝️👉🌱🌿 Yep – check out the diagram and you will see that the ball lying on grass that is in a Bunker is “Ball not in bunker”.

In the diagram, it is a nice, tidy little grass island making this determination pretty easy. This will not be the case every time. Many bunkers have tall, wispy, random grass around the edge without the clean edge of this nice grass island. So – let's take a deeper look into Rule 12 so that we are prepared to make this determination no matter the conditions.

Simply turn the page – page 66 and you will find the following statement.

“Your ball is in a *bunker* when any part of it **TOUCHES** sand on the ground **inside the edge** of the *bunker*.”

A little further down, it continues with:

“If your ball lies on soil or grass or other growing or attached natural objects inside the edge of the *bunker* without touching sand, your ball is not in the *bunker*.”

So – with this information, we can determine that **our ball is lying in the General Area**.

How do we proceed when our ball is lying in the *General Area*?

We play it as it lies.