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Fine fescue is slow to recover from damage, especially when turf is dormant or semi-dormant. Many highly regarded Scottish links courses mandate the use of small artificial turf mats during winter play to protect dormant fairways from divots. Would American golfers be as accommodating?

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