

LOCAL RULES

The following Local Rules are to be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf.

1. Out of Bounds

Out of Bounds is defined by the course-side edge at ground level of white stakes, fence posts, or other designated markers. The stakes or posts themselves are out of bounds.

2. Ball Lost or Out of Bounds (Only for General Play)

When a player's ball cannot be found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may take relief under Model Local Rule E-5 rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. This Local Rule applies only in general play and not in competitions unless otherwise stated.

For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the relief area (see Rule 14.3), which is defined by two reference points:

a. Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have:

- Come to rest on the course, or
- Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.

b. Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

The relief area must be in the general area and must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

The player may not use this option when:

- The ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3).

3. Penalty Areas

Penalty areas are defined by red or yellow stakes and/or lines. If both stakes and lines are used, the line defines the penalty area, and the stakes identify it.

If a player's ball is in a penalty area, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area even though not found, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:

1. Stroke-and-Distance Relief: The player may play the original ball or another ball from where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6).
2. Back-On-the-Line Relief: The player may drop the original ball or another ball (see Rule 14.3) in a relief area.
3. Lateral Relief (Only for Red Penalty Area): When the ball last crossed the edge of a red penalty area, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in this lateral relief area (see Rule 14.3).

4. Immovable Obstructions

The following are Immovable Obstructions in the general area: distance markers, penalty stakes, young trees with supports and/or identified by blue stakes, cart paths, concrete drains with or without gratings, permanent signs, staircases, protective/internal fences, electrical boxes, halfway house, irrigation control boxes, rain shelters, lifebuoy with their support, building, sprinkler heads, valve covers, edging grooves, sump covers, and rubber linings. A player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.

5. Protective orange Fences During Renovation – No Play Zone (NPZ)

Protective orange fences will be erected around construction zones or areas that are out of play. These fences will be considered a No Play Zone (NPZ) under Rule 16.1f.

- NPZ Definition: The areas marked by the protective orange fences are No Play Zones, and players must not play a ball from these areas.
- Relief: If a player's ball is in a No Play Zone, the player must take relief without penalty by dropping a ball outside the NPZ, no closer to the hole, and in accordance with Rule 16.1f.
- If a player's ball is in the general area and there is interference by the protective fence, the fence is considered an immovable obstruction under Rule 16.1b.

Note: Players are prohibited from entering or crossing the fenced-off areas, as they are restricted zones.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty
(Loss of Hole in Match Play, 2-Stroke Penalty in Stroke Play)**