

THE 'LONG VERSION'

OUT OF BOUNDS: OUT OF BOUNDS ARE DEFINED BY:

white stakes or lines

perimeter fences and walls

inside the driving range as defined by the inside (driving range side) edge of the posts

protective netting on hole 8

the paved areas of the parking lot and the clubhouse

the patio (concrete aggregate surface)

flower beds adjacent to the clubhouse and patio

the clubhouse itself

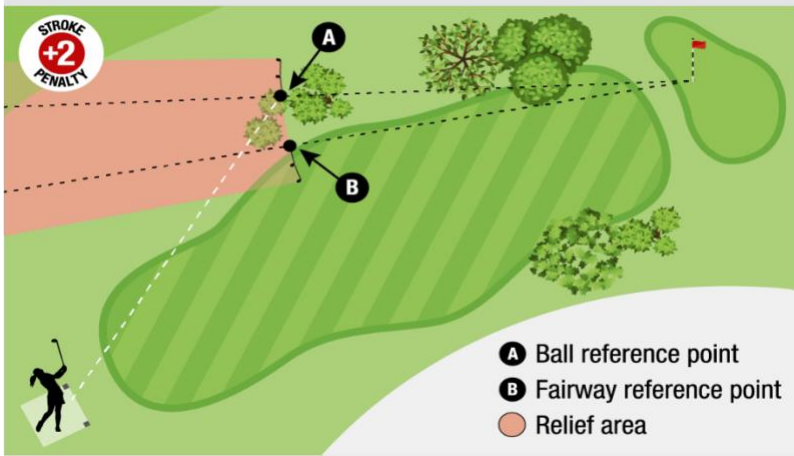
the paved path adjacent to the parking lot from the Clubhouse area to the Driving Range and beyond

In the interest of Pace of Play, the far right edge of the lateral Penalty Area to the right of holes 12 and 13. All perimeter fences, walls and protective netting that define Out of Bounds are not obstructions and the ball must be played as it lies or under Rule 19 – Ball Unplayable. The driving range fence including the posts, netting and boards along the ground, the guy wires supporting any fences or protective netting are obstructions and relief may be taken under Rule 16.1.

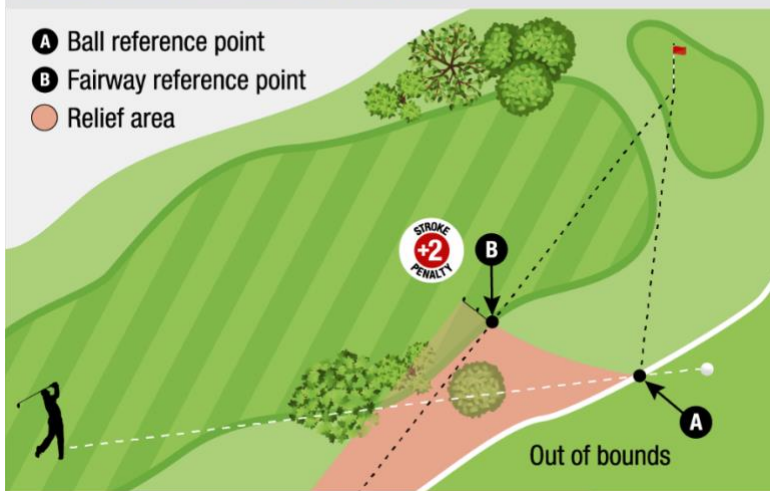
Ball Lost or Out of Bounds:

If a player's ball may be lost outside of a penalty area or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. They may choose to (1) hit a provisional ball for one penalty stroke or, (2), 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 and the 3 diagrams below). They cannot do option (2) if a provisional ball was played. In all these cases, the player would be lying 3 afterwards. The purpose of this rule is to encourage pace of play. It is strongly recommended that players use the 2 stroke drop rule instead of hitting a provisional, unless the original shot went out of bounds or was lost just a short distance from the tee.

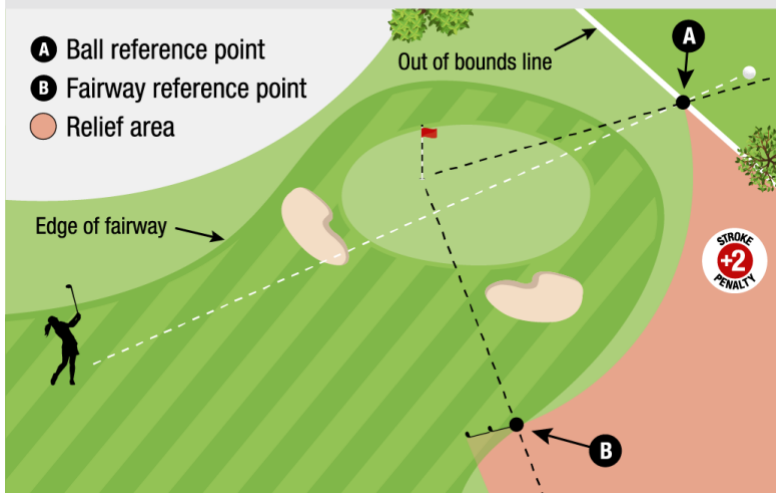
MLR E-5 DIAGRAM 1: BALL NOT FOUND



MLR E-5 DIAGRAM 2: BALL OUT OF BOUNDS



MLR E-5 DIAGRAM 3: BALL NOT FOUND OR OUT OF BOUNDS CLOSE TO GREEN



PENALTY AREAS (INCLUDING LATERAL PENALTY AREAS): IN THE ABSENCE OF PAINTED LINES OR STAKES:

All Penalty Areas shall be played as lateral Penalty Areas under Rule 17.1.d.

Penalty Areas include all water features, the right side of hole 8 (out of bounds farther right), left side of hole 13 from the corner to the blue tee box on hole 14, and the left of hole 14 up to the grove of trees. Everything else (apart from bunkers) is the General Area.

Penalty Area boundaries are defined in the Definitions (page 148) which states they are lines and or stakes. The stakes identify the Penalty Area, the lines define it. In the absence of lines, the boundary of the Penalty Area is where the ground breaks down to form the depression containing the water. If lines and/or stakes are present:

A player cannot benefit from lines or stakes that have been improperly placed and the margin of the Penalty Area is still governed by the Definition above.

Note: The wooden edging of the pond left of the 5th green is an immovable obstruction and you are entitled to relief under Rule 16.1.

Relief for Embedded Ball:

In the General Area, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped within one club length from where it lay but not nearer the hole under rule 16.3a. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course in the General Area. Exceptions: 1) A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown. 2) A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match Play – Loss of hole;

Stroke Play – Two strokes.

Stones in Bunkers:

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 15.1 applies).

Immovable obstructions close to putting green:

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1a.

In addition, if a ball lies in the General Area and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole; the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that:

- a) Is not nearer the hole;
- b) Avoids intervention; and
- c) Is not in a Penalty Area or on a putting green.

If the players' ball lies on the putting green and an immovable obstruction within two club-lengths of the putting green intervenes on his line of putt the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and placed at the nearest point to where the ball lay that

- a) Is not nearer the hole;
- b) Avoids intervention; and
- c) Is not in a Penalty Area.

The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

Exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the immovable obstruction makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match Play – Loss of hole;

Stroke Play – Two strokes.

Course Preservation

Protection of trees: Protection of trees identified by stakes and wires or irrigation bags. If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the ball must be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 16.1b (Immovable Obstruction). If the ball lies in a Bunker, the player must lift and drop the ball in accordance with Rule 16.1.c, except that the nearest point of relief must be in the Bunker and the ball must be dropped in the Penalty Area or the player may proceed under Rule 19.3. The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this Local Rule.

Exception: A player may not obtain relief under this Local Rule if

- a) Interference by anything other than such a tree makes the stroke clearly impracticable, or
- b) Interference by such a tree would occur only by using of a clearly unreasonable stroke or an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing or direction of play.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match Play – Loss of hole;

Stroke Play – Two strokes.

Planted Areas: All planted areas in the General Area are Ground Under Repair and relief must be taken under Rule 16.1.

Distance–Measuring Devices:

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

Provisional Ball:

In the interest of Pace Of Play, if there is a possibility the ball may be lost outside of a Penalty Area or out of bounds, please consider using the procedure in Ball Lost or Out of Bounds (above) before hitting a provisional ball under Rule 18.3. A provisional ball should only be used if the initial tee shot was very short or otherwise unsuitable, in the player's opinion.

'Temporary' Local Rules:

The following Local Rules are only in effect if they are explicitly included in the Draw Sheet of the competition being played and/or announced on the 1st tee.

Lift, Clean & Place (or Winter Rules or Preferred Lies)

A ball lying in the General Area may be lifted, without penalty, and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within 1 club length of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a Penalty Area and not on a putting green. A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 14.2a). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it is placed, Rule 14.2 applies, and the ball must be replaced. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply. If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

Notes: The location specifying where this rule applies (ie. in the General Area) may be modified to a more restricted area by the Committee such as 'in closely mown areas in the General Area', 'in the closely mown portion of the hole being played', 'in the closely mown portion of hole 8', etc.). 'Closely mown area' means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match Play – Loss of hole;

Stroke Play – Two strokes

If a player incurs the general penalty for a breach of this Local Rule, no additional penalty under the Local Rule is applied.

The 'Leaf Rule':

Large accumulations of leaves in the General Area are considered ground under repair. See Rule 16.1b. It must be known or virtually certain that a ball is in fact lost in the accumulated leaves. Relief (one club length) is taken at the spot where the ball crossed into the area of accumulation, not where the player thinks their ball should be.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match Play – Loss of hole;

Stroke Play – Two strokes

Notes: The location specifying where this rule may be applied may be modified to specific locations as appropriate. The Leaf Rule cannot be invoked simply because it has been struck towards an area with a large accumulation of leaves. If the ball has (loudly) struck a tree for example, the ball may have deflected anywhere, or the ball may have run through the leaves into a Penalty Area or deep grass.

Flooded Bunkers:

Flooded bunker(s) on a list of specific bunker(s) is/are ground under repair. If a player's ball lies in that bunker or if that bunker interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing and the player wishes to take relief, he must take relief outside the bunker, without penalty, in accordance with Rule 16.1b. All other bunkers on the course, regardless of whether they contain water, maintain their status and Rule 16.1c would apply.