

Definitions

Penalty Area: Marked by a yellow or red stake. Players make take relief with 1 penalty stroke. Players make remove loose impediments, ground their club, and take practice swings – as long as the practice swing does not improve their swing, stance or lie. If unmarked, the mow line is assumed to be penalty area.

Out of Bounds: Your ball is out of bounds only when all of the ball is outside the boundary edge of the course. If the ball touches both the out of bounds line and the general area, the ball is in general area.

If your ball is out of bounds, in weekend play you **must** take stroke-and-distance relief by adding one penalty stroke and playing a ball from where the previous stroke was made. In Wednesday Night League only, using Model Local Rule E5, players must drop a ball no closer to the hole on the edge of the fairway for a two-stroke penalty.

If you are uncertain a ball is out of bounds, you may play a Provisional Ball. You must declare the stroke being made is a provisional and clearly indicate the ball (how to identify it). A Provisional Ball may only be used for out of bounds. USGA rules do not allow you to play a provisional ball for lost or penalty area. The BMGA has adopted MLR B-2 to allow a provision ball for penalty areas for pace of play.

Lost Ball: Your ball is lost if not found in three minutes after you, your partner or your caddie begin to search for it. If the ball is lost:

- In Wednesday Night League only, using Model Local Rule E5. See details above in OB.
- In Weekend Play, you **must** take stroke-and-distance relief by adding one penalty stroke and playing a ball from where the previous stroke was made.

Loose Impediment: Is any unattached natural object such as a stone, grass, leaves, branches, etc. Items that are NOT loose impediments include attached or growing grass, sand or loose soil, dew, and frost. You may remove a loose impediment without penalty anywhere on or off the course. This includes the Penalty Areas. You may remove loose soil from the putting green.

Immovable Obstruction: Any obstruction that cannot be moved without unreasonable effort. This includes distance signs as seen on Hole #7, #15 and #16. You may take free relief if the obstruction interferes with your swing, stance or lie. You do NOT receive relief if an immovable obstruction interferes with the line of play.

Taking Free Relief

When your ball is on or in a movable obstruction (such as a towel, rake, chair); has interference from an immovable obstruction (cart path, temporary water); or is embedded in the ground, you receive free relief.

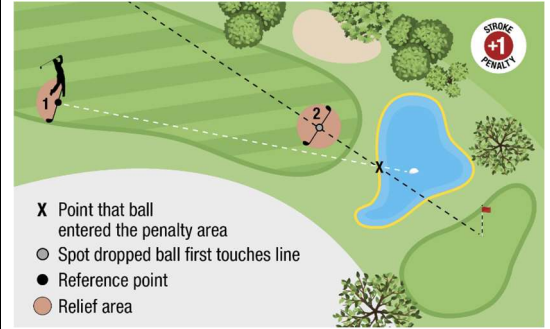
Find the nearest point of relief, you can drop the ball one club length on either side of the reference point. The ball must not be nearer the hole than the reference point. The player must take full relief (for example: if taking relief from cart path – the players ball and stance must not touch the cart path after taking relief).

Common Penalties

Playing from the wrong place (Rule 14.7). This includes taking relief when you should not have or taking improper relief. The penalty, if not a serious breach, is a two-stroke penalty in stroke play. If it is a serious breach, for example dropping when you hit a ball out of bounds, and causes a serious advantage, penalty is disqualification. In Match Play, the penalty is loss of hole.

Playing the wrong ball (Rule 6.3). In Match Play, the penalty is loss of hole. In Stroke Play, you must correct the mistake by continuing play with the original ball by playing it as it lies or taking relief. If you do not correct the mistake before starting the next hole the penalty is disqualification.

Yellow Penalty Area Relief Options (+1 Penalty)

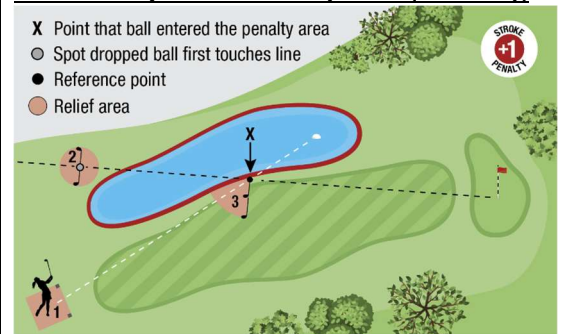


What to do when in a yellow penalty area.

- 1) Take Stroke and Distance by playing another ball from the previous spot
- 2) Take back-on-the-line relief by dropping a ball on a reference line straight back from hole to reference point.

NOTE: Brookview has yellow penalty area defined on Holes #3, #4, #6, #7, #15, #16. See BMGA website for visual image of staked penalty area.

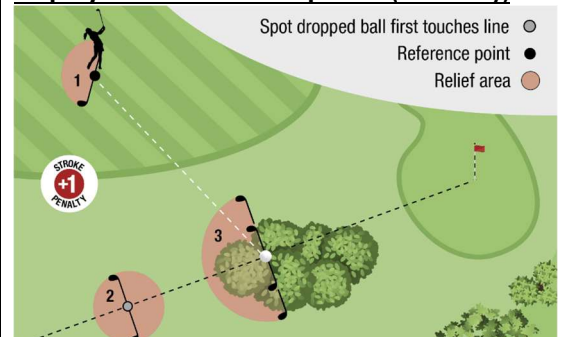
Red Penalty Area Relief Options (+1 Penalty)



What to do when in a red penalty area.

- 1) Take Stroke and Distance by playing another ball from the previous spot
- 2) Take back-on-the-line relief by dropping a ball on a reference line straight back from hole to reference point.
- 3) Take lateral relief from where it crossed the penalty area.

Unplayable Ball Relief Options (+1 Penalty)



- 1) Take Stroke and Distance by playing another ball from the previous spot
- 2) Take back-on-the-line relief by dropping a ball on a reference line straight back from hole to reference point.
- 3) Take lateral relief two club lengths in either direction of the spot of the ball.