

Palo Verde Ladies Golf Association January 1, 2024

Local Rules

U.S.G.A Rules of Golf govern all play except when modified by the following local rules:

Pace of Play

Remember to keep up with the group ahead of you! Look ahead of you and don't worry about the group behind you! Note this is not a local rule but it is important to mention so that the game is more enjoyable for all of us.

Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

All penalty areas are played as a red penalty area to allow an additional option for Penalty area relief. The margin of the penalty area is defined by the water's side of the concrete or wooden barrier. The concrete or wooden barriers are considered obstructions and relief is granted under rule 16. See Note A and B under Obstructions.

Obstructions (Rule 16)

The following are immovable obstructions and free relief is available under rule 16:

- A sprinkler head (obstruction) within two club lengths of the green and if your ball is within 2 club lengths of the obstruction and the obstruction lies on your intended path. 2 plus 2 situation.
- Concrete drainage structures (ie) hole 5 on the right side of the cart path.
- Concrete or wooden barriers around the lakes as mentioned under Penalty area above.
- Staked trees including the tree, stake or guide wire.
- Gray electrical boxes.

Note (A) : Free relief (relief without penalty) for stance, swing and lie of the ball is available under rule 16, however, there is NO line of flight relief available. Line of flight relief is not an option under the Rules of Golf except for Temporary immovable obstructions.

Note (B) : for information on how to take proper relief check out the diagram in Rule 16. Remember it is your nearest point of relief, not the nicest point of relief

Out of Bounds - Rule 18

Out of Bounds is defined by white lines, white stakes, and property fences. Do not retrieve your ball from the property owner's lot.

Alternate Relief Option for a Lost ball or a Ball that is Out of Bounds -Model local rule E-5

When a Provisional ball has not been played and the player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed under stroke or distance **OR** the player has an additional option to drop a ball in the relief area and take two

penalty strokes. Refer to the following diagrams which shows the shaded relief area, no nearer the hole.

Note that the relief area is extended by two club lengths on both sides of the relief area so you can drop onto the fairway if you choose.

Overview Diagram



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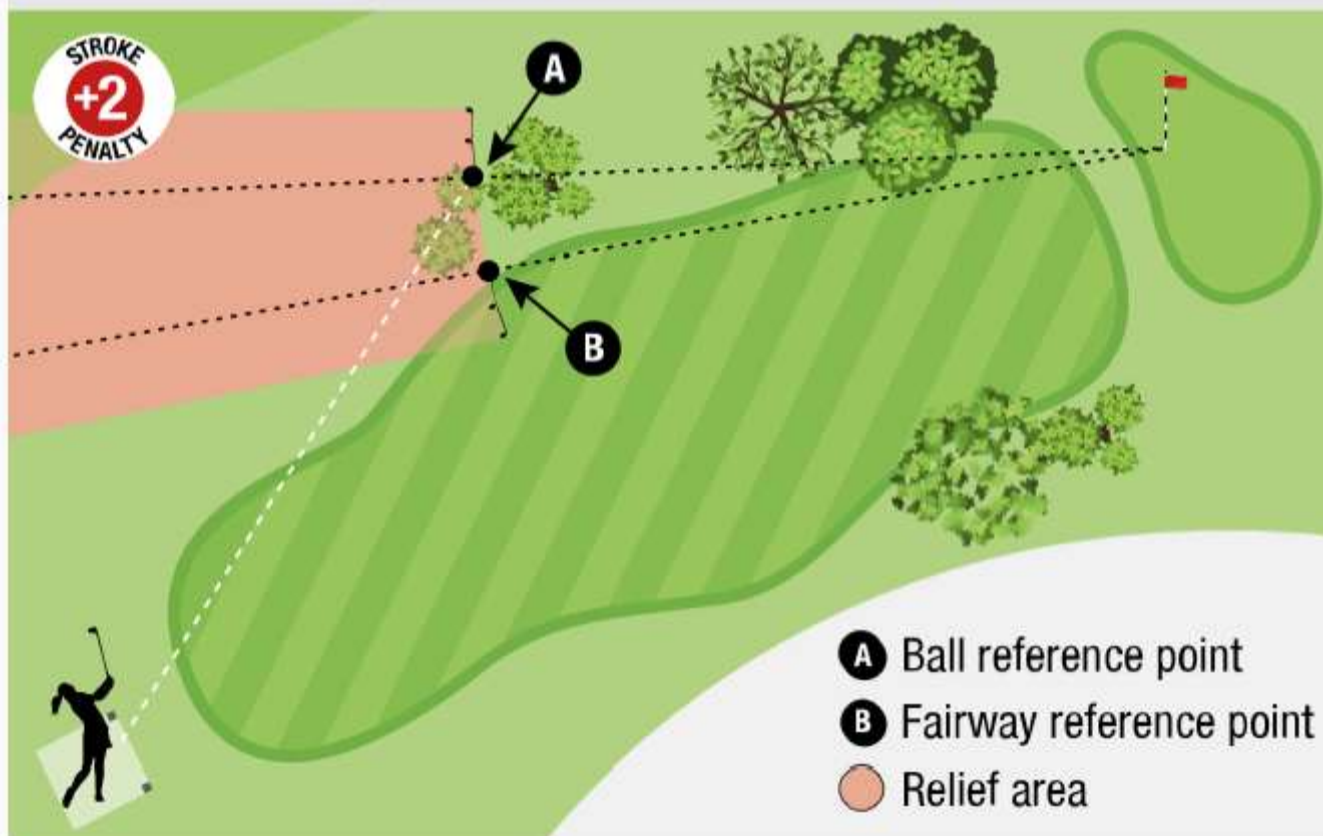
See Below for detailed diagrams

Diagram 1 - Lost Ball -Imagine Hole 7 and the trees on the left side of the hole

Diagram 2 - Ball Out of Bounds -Imagine Hole 1.

Diagram 3 - Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds close to green - Imagine Hole 2 at the south side of the green. If your ball goes over the green to the south and carries onto the road.

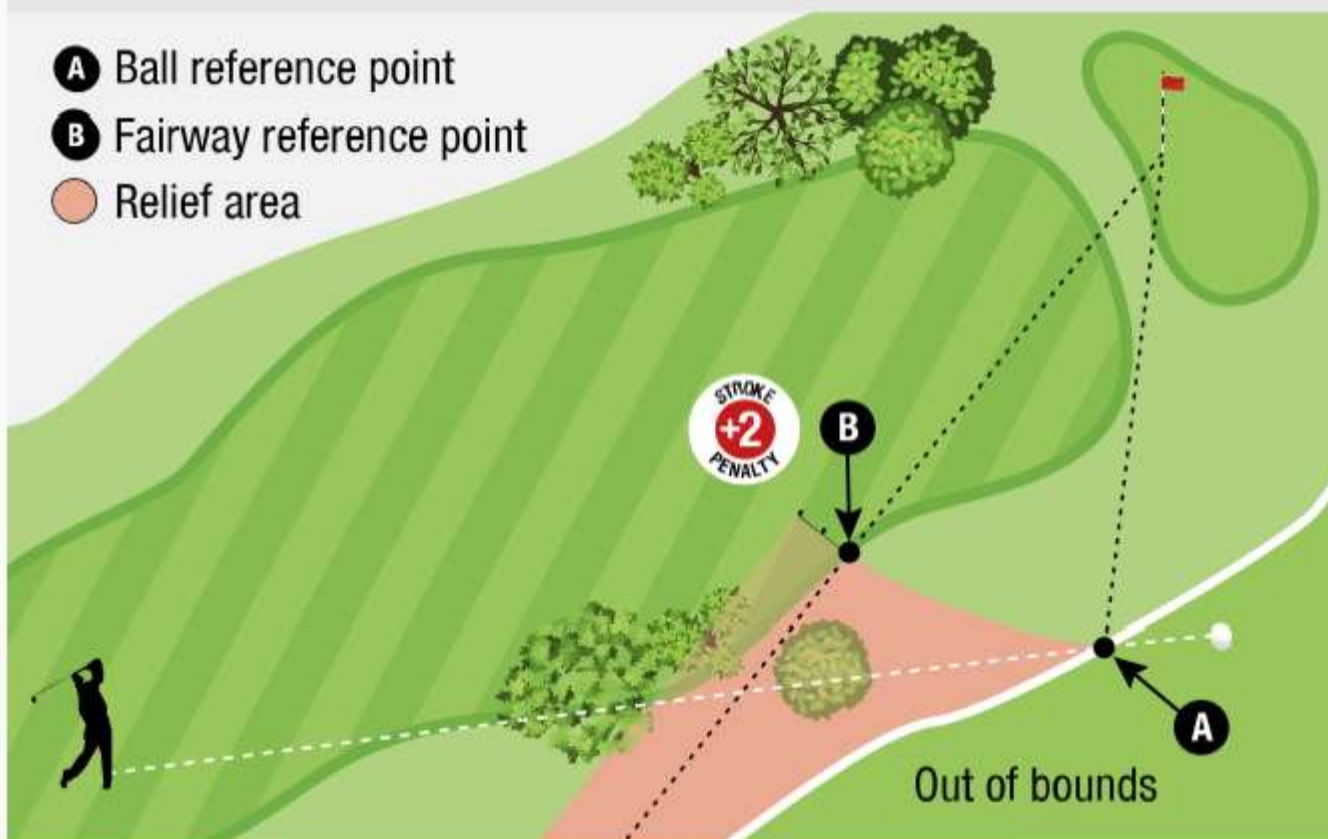
MLR E-5 DIAGRAM 1: BALL NOT FOUND



When a player's ball has not been found, the player may take stroke-and-distance relief, or when Model Local Rule E-5 is introduced, the player has the additional option to drop a ball in and play from the relief area described below for two penalty strokes:

Reference Points	Size of Relief Area	Limits on Relief Area
<p>A. Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have come to rest on the course (point A)</p> <p>B. Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played (point B) that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point</p>	<p>Anywhere between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A line from the hole through the ball reference point (point A) (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (point B) (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that 	<p>The relief area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point, and Must be in the general area

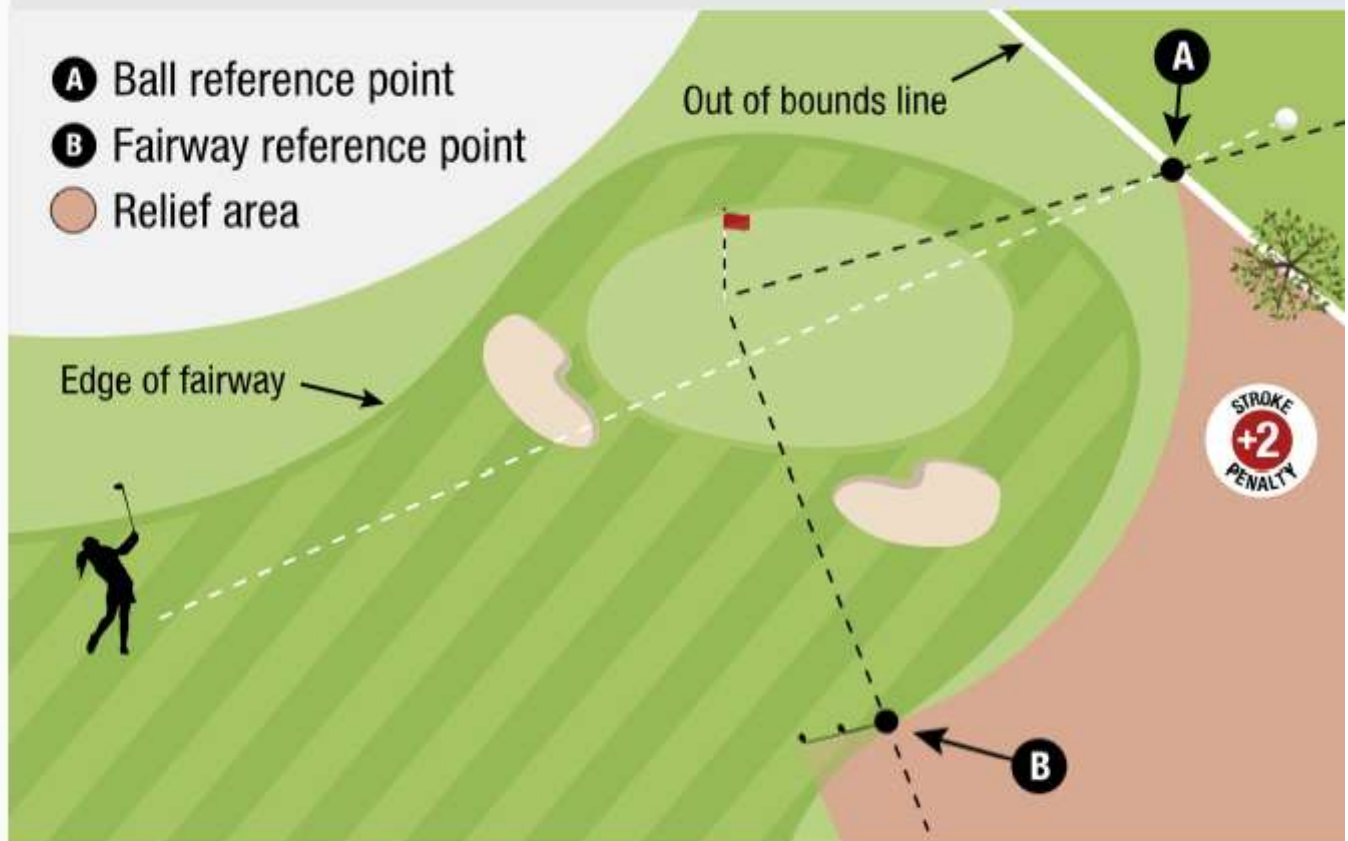
MLR E-5 DIAGRAM 2: BALL OUT OF BOUNDS



When a player's ball is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may take stroke-and-distance relief, or when Model Local Rule E-5 is introduced, the player has the additional option to drop a ball in and play from the relief area described below for two penalty strokes:

Reference Point	Size of Relief Area	Limits on Relief Area
A. Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds (point A)	Anywhere between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A line from the hole through the ball reference point (point A) (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line but still on the course), and • A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (point B) (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line) 	The relief area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point, and • Must be in the general area
B. Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played (point B) that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point		

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



When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may take stroke-and-distance relief, or when Model Local Rule E-5 is introduced, the player has the additional option to drop a ball in and play from the relief area described below for two penalty strokes:

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<p>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 (point A)</p> <p>B. Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played (point B) that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not</p>	<p>Anywhere between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A line from the hole through the ball reference point (point A) (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and • A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (point B) (and within two club-lengths to the 	<p>The relief area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point, and • Must be in the general area

