

Aldeen Men's Golf Association

Supplementary Local Rules Sheet



(All play is in accordance with World Handicap System™ and USGA™ Rules of Golf except where modified herein)

Penalty Areas are marked either Yellow or Red.

In a Penalty Area the player can ground the club lightly behind the ball, move a loose impediment, take a practice swing and touch the ground or the water. The Local Rule will allow opposite margin relief from both a Red and Yellow Penalty areas. The golfer has two options for relief:

1. They can take a stroke-and-distance penalty, dropping a ball and replaying from the original spot before the ball went in the hazard, after taking a one-stroke penalty.
2. They can drop as far back as they want on a line between the hole and where the ball crossed the margin of the hazard, after taking a one-stroke penalty.

Nearest point of complete relief.

If your ball comes to rest in one of the following circumstances, and one of these situations interferes with your lie, stance or area of intended swing, you may take relief without penalty:

- Interference from an immovable obstruction: Any obstruction that can't be moved, such as a cart path or maintenance road.
- Abnormal ground condition: For example, temporary water, areas marked ground under repair, gopher holes.
- Wrong putting green: Oops somehow your ball wound up on the wrong putting green. Better find that nearest point of relief. Note that you *must* take relief if your ball is on a wrong putting green, and that "interference to a player's stance or the area of his intended swing is not, of itself, interference" by a wrong putting green.
- Play is prohibited from flower beds and in-course tree areas (defined by rocks, signs or mulch and areas designated with signs). Specifically the flower beds back of Holes #1, #3, and #6. Play is relief from the original condition interfering with your shot that is not nearer the hole without penalty.

Dropping Zone for a water hazard.

If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the water hazard on holes #5, #8 and #13 the player must drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the Dropping Zone.

Note: When using a Dropping Zone the following provisions apply regarding the dropping and re-dropping of the ball:

- The player does not have to stand within the Dropping Zone when dropping the ball.
- The dropped ball must first strike a part of the course within the Dropping Zone.
- If the Dropping Zone is defined by a line, the line is within the Dropping Zone.
- The dropped ball does not have to come to rest within the Dropping Zone.
- The dropped ball may roll nearer the hole than the spot where it first struck a part of the course, provided it comes to rest within two club-lengths of that spot.

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Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds.

When a player's ball has not been found or is *known or virtually certain* to be *out of bounds*, or if a ball is estimated to be *lost* on the *course* or last crossed the edge of the *course* boundary short of the fairway the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under *stroke and distance*.

For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by *dropping* the original ball or another ball in the fairway at the reference 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*.

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.

Once the player puts a ball *in play* under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was *lost* or *out of bounds* is no longer *in play* and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the *course* before the end of the three-minute search time.
- The player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when the player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of *stroke and distance* (see Rule 18.3).

This Local Rule cannot be used for an unplayable ball, or for a ball that is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area.

Cart Path Only

When adverse conditions, including the poor condition of the course due to excessive rains or the existence of mud, the golf club can declare "Car Paths Only". During this notice the Committee has decided to grant relief by temporary Local Rule to protect the course and to promote fair and pleasant play. -- Rules of Golf, Appendix I; Part B; Section 3b.

The "local rule" being referred to above is "lift-clean-and-place," or, as known on the PGA tour as "preferred lie". The Local Rule will be withdrawn as soon as the conditions warrant and carts are allowed back on the fairways.

Here's how lift, clean and place works (typically): "If a golfer is hitting their current shot from a lie in the fairway of the hole they're playing, then they're able to pick up the golf ball (after first marking the original spot with a tee or other marker), clean off the golf ball, then put it back by placing it in a spot within a scorecard's length (approximately 6 inches) of the original position. Obviously golfers are allowed to mark and clean golf balls on the putting surfaces, so preferred lies rules don't apply there. Everywhere else on the golf course that isn't the fairway or green of the hole the golfer is currently playing, the golfer has to play the ball down, as it lies, without cleaning or moving it".

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match play - Loss of hole; Stroke play - Two strokes.