

SBWGA-18 and SB Niners Rules Seminar

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Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

- Definition
- Changes to what you can now do in penalty areas
- Relief options

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- What are they?



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- Any *penalty area* can be marked **Red**



Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

- What are they?
- Any *penalty area* can be marked Red
- Play from *penalty areas*
 - move *loose impediments*
 - make practice swings
 - ground your club
 - touch water



Relief Options for Ball in Penalty Area (Rule 17.1d)

Relief from Penalty Areas

Relief available when player's ball:

- is **found** in a *penalty area*



Relief Options for Ball in Penalty Area (Rule 17.1d)

Relief from Penalty Areas

Relief available when player's ball:

- is found in a *penalty area*
- is *known or virtually certain* to be in a *penalty area* (even though not found)

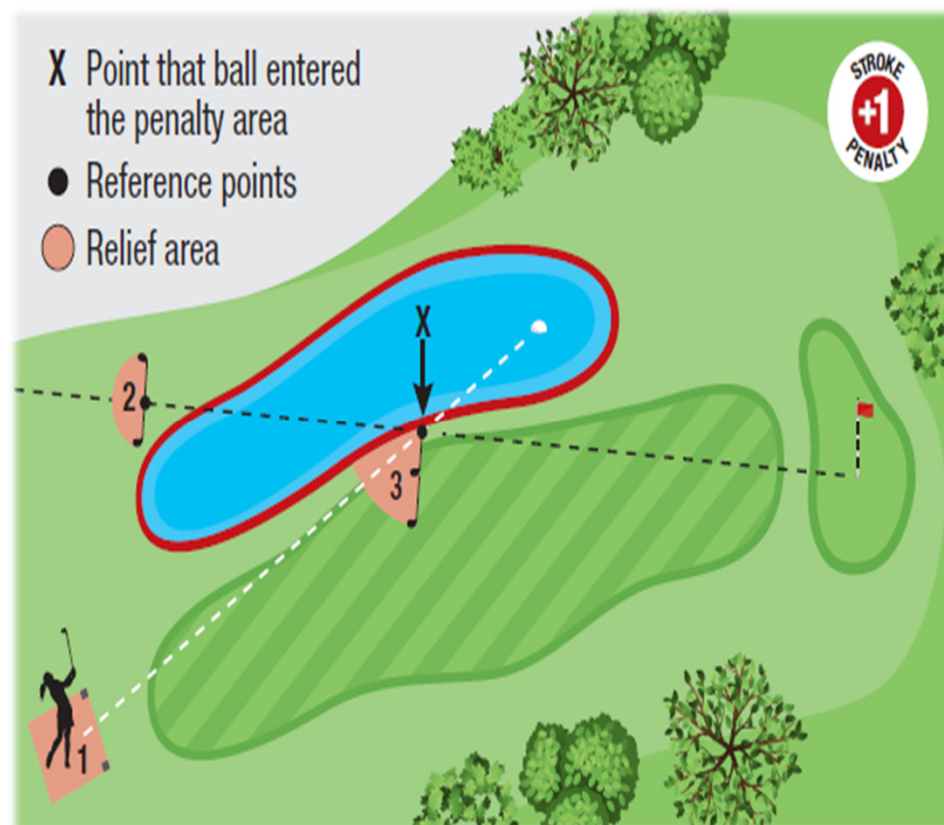


Relief Options for Ball in Penalty Area (Rule 17.1d)

Relief from Penalty Areas

... for **one penalty stroke**:

- (1) Stroke-and-Distance Relief
- (2) Back-On-the-Line Relief
- (3) Lateral Relief
(Red Penalty Areas Only)

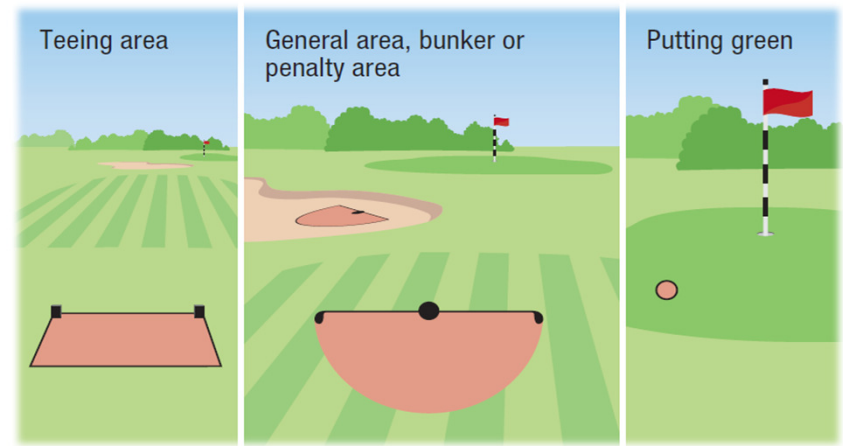


Lost Ball, Out of Bounds and Alternative Local Rule

Ball Lost or Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

Relief Procedure

- *Stroke-and-Distance* relief required
- add **one penalty stroke**
- relief procedure depends on where previous *stroke* was played



Stroke & Distance Alternative Local Rule

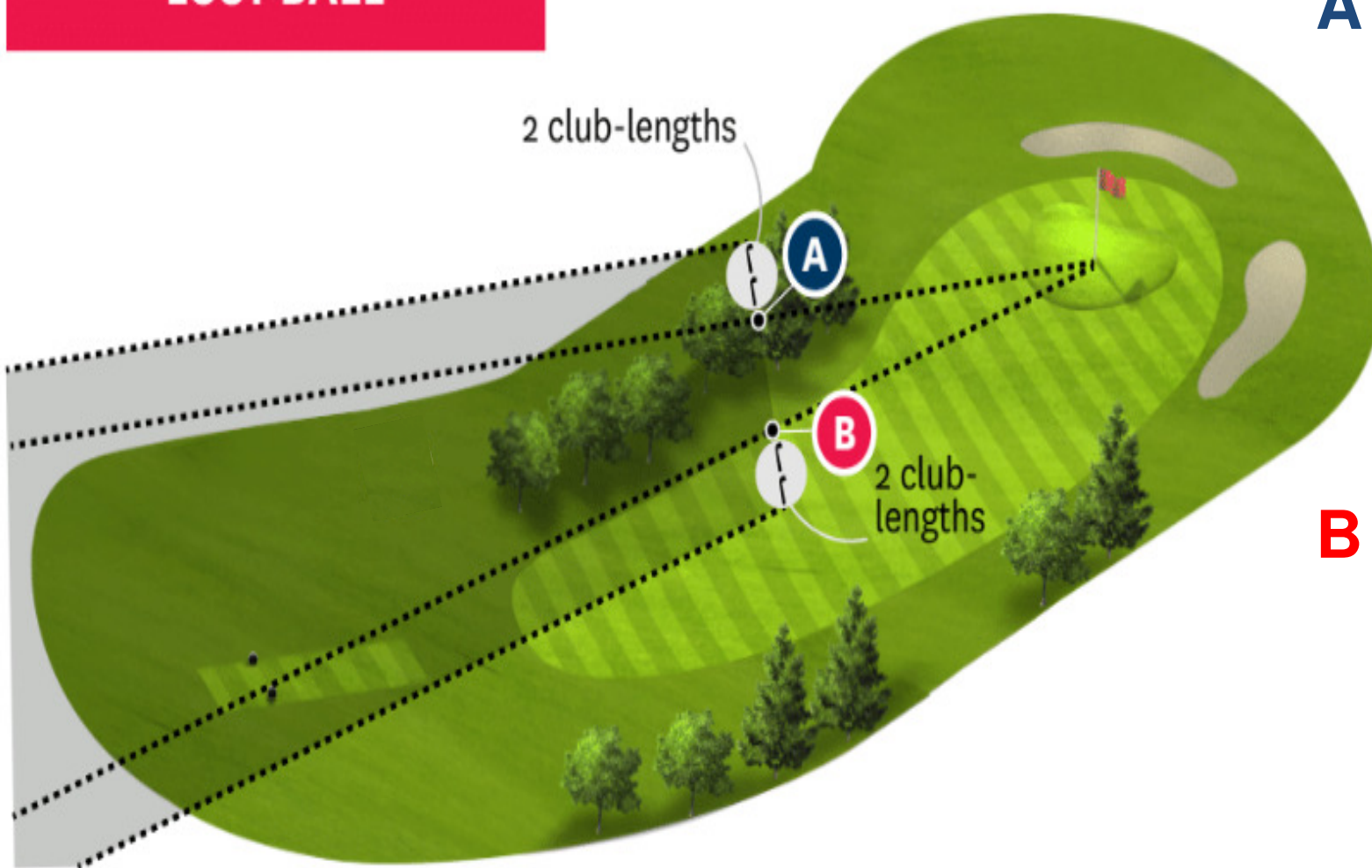
Relief Procedure

- going back to the spot of last stroke not required
- add **two penalty strokes**
- drop and come to rest in very large relief area



Stroke & Distance Alternative Local Rule

LOST BALL

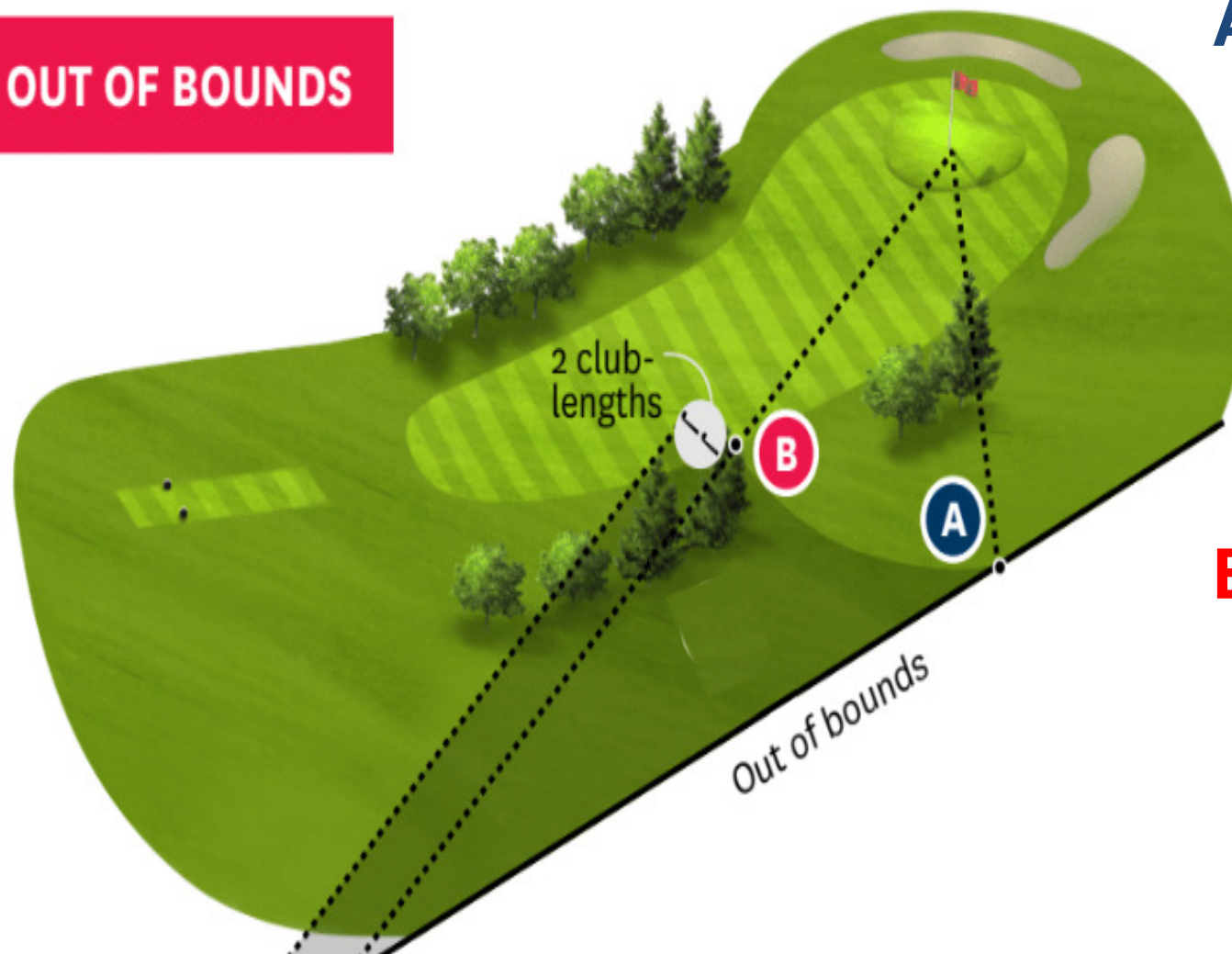


A Where you think your ball is lost

B Nearest fairway edge

Stroke & Distance Alternative Local Rule

BALL OUT OF BOUNDS



A Where your ball went OB

B Nearest fairway edge

Bunkers

- **Loose impediments**
- **Remaining restrictions**
- **Unplayable lie**
 - Relief options

Relaxed Requirements and Reduced Penalties

- In Bunkers
 - Loose Impediments may be moved without penalty (Rule 15.1)



Relaxed Requirements and Reduced Penalties

- **In Bunkers**

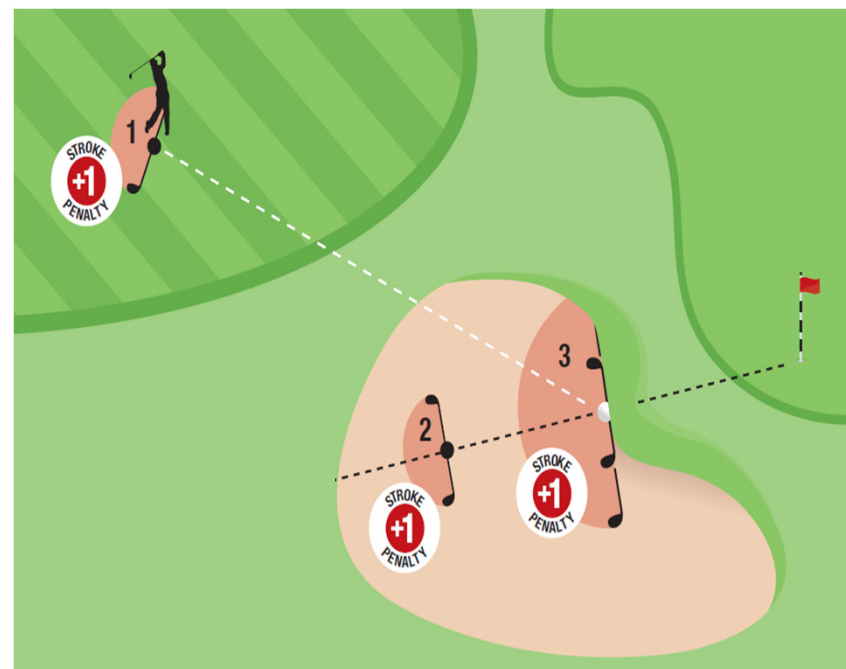
- Relaxed restrictions
 - loose Impediments may be moved without penalty
- Remaining restrictions
 - testing
 - touching near your ball
 - touching during backswing
 - touching with practice swing (Rule 12.2)
 - **general penalty of 2 strokes**



Unplayable Ball – Bunker Relief Options

(Rule 19.3)

- For one-stroke penalty
 - If previous stroke was played outside the bunker, stroke-and-distance from previous spot
 - Back-on-the-line relief but ball must be dropped in the bunker
 - Lateral relief but ball must be dropped in the bunker



Unplayable Ball – **New** Bunker Relief Option (Rule 19.3)

Back-on-the-Line

- outside the *bunker*
- **two penalty strokes**



Putting Green

- What damage can be repaired
- Hitting an unattended flag stick

Relaxed Requirements and Reduced Penalties

- **On the Putting Green**
 - Repair of Damage
(Rule 13.1c)



Relaxed Requirements and Reduced Penalties

- **On the Putting Green**
 - No penalty if a putt strikes an unattended flagstick in the *hole* (Rule 13.2a)



Relaxed Requirements and Reduced Penalties

- **On the Putting Green**
 - No penalty if a putt strikes an unattended flagstick in the *hole*
 - Ball resting against flagstick in the *hole* (Rule 13.2c)



Additional Relaxed Requirements

- **Accidental** Acts and Occurrences, No Penalty
 - Deflection of a Ball in Motion, e.g., hitting yourself or hitting equipment such as golf cart or clubs on the green
 - Double hitting a ball
 - Moving your ball during search
 - When replacing a ball (Rule 14.2)
 - ball is always placed (never dropped)
 - Even when spot is not known (place ball on estimated spot)

Questions



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