

#	Course Condition	Relief Option	Penalty	Reference Point	Size of Relief Area	Relief Area Restrictions
A	Ball in or on movable obstruction (2)	Drop	None	Where the ball was at rest in or on the movable obstruction	One club length from reference point	Not nearer to the hole than reference point In the same area of the course as reference point
B	Ball on wrong putting green	Drop	None	Nearest point of complete relief	One club length from reference point	Not nearer to the hole than reference point In the same area of the course as reference point
C	Abnormal course condition other than on the putting green (2)	Drop	None	Nearest point of complete relief	One club length from reference point	Not nearer to the hole than reference point In the same area of the course as where the ball was at rest
D	Abnormal course condition in a bunker	Drop	One stroke	A point outside of the bunker on the reference line farther from the hole than where the ball was at rest	One club length from reference point	Not nearer to the hole than reference point Outside of the bunker
E	Abnormal course condition on the putting green	Place ball	None	On the spot of nearest point of complete relief	N/A	Must be on the putting green or in the general area
F	Embedded ball in the general area (2)	Drop	None	Spot right behind where the ball is embedded	One club length from reference point	Not nearer to the hole than reference point In the general area
G.1	Ball in YELLOW or RED penalty area (1) (2)	Drop	One stroke	Spot where previous stroke was made	One club length from reference point	Not nearer to the hole than reference point In the same area of the course as reference point
G.2	Ball in YELLOW or RED penalty area (2)	Drop	One stroke	A point on the reference line farther from the hole than where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area	One club length from reference point	Not nearer to the hole than reference point Outside of the penalty area
G.3	Ball in YELLOW or RED penalty area	Drop	One stroke	A point inside a designated drop area	One club length from reference point	Not nearer to the hole than reference point Inside the drop area
G.4	Ball in RED penalty area (2)	Drop	One stroke	The estimated point where the ball last crossed the edge of the RED penalty area	Two club lengths from reference point	Not nearer to the hole than reference point Outside of the penalty area
H.1	Unplayable ball (1)	Drop	One stroke	Spot where previous stroke was made	One club length from reference point	Not nearer to the hole than reference point In the same area of the course as reference point
H.2	Unplayable ball (2)	Drop	One stroke	A point on the reference line farther from the hole than where the ball was at rest	One club length from reference point	Not nearer to the hole than reference point In the same area of the course as where the ball was at rest
H.3	Unplayable ball (2)	Drop	One stroke	Where the ball is at rest	Two club lengths from reference point	Not nearer to the hole than reference point In the same area of the course as where the ball was at rest
H.4	Unplayable ball in a bunker	Drop	Two strokes	A point outside the bunker on the reference line farther from the hole than where the ball was at rest	One club length from reference point	Not nearer to the hole than reference point Outside the bunker
I	Ball out of bounds (1)	Drop	One stroke	Spot where previous stroke was made	One club length from reference point	Not nearer to the hole than reference point In the same area of the course as reference point
J	Ball lost outside of penalty area (1) (2)	Drop	One stroke	Spot where previous stroke was made	One club length from reference point	Not nearer to the hole than reference point In the same area of the course as reference point

(1) Alternative to Stroke and Distance USGA local rule options are also available

(2) Relief options for ball inside native grass area

Term	Definition
Areas of the course	The five defined areas that make up the course: (1) the general area, (2) the teeing area you must play from in starting the hole you are playing, (3) all penalty areas, (4) all bunkers, and (5) the putting green of the hole you are playing.
General area	The area of the course that covers all of the course except for the other four defined areas: (1) the teeing area you must play from in starting the hole you are playing, (2) all penalty areas, (3) all bunkers, and (4) the putting green of the hole you are playing.
Obstruction	Any artificial object except for integral objects and boundary objects. Examples: Artificially surfaced roads and paths, including their artificial borders; Buildings and vehicles; Sprinkler heads, drains and irrigation or control boxes; Player equipment, flagsticks and rakes.
Integral objects	An artificial object defined by the Committee as part of the challenge of playing the course from which free relief is not allowed.
Boundary objects	Artificial objects defining or showing out of bounds, such as walls, fences, stakes and railings, from which free relief is not allowed.
Movable obstruction	An obstruction that can be moved with reasonable effort and without damaging the obstruction or the course.
Abnormal course condition	An animal hole, ground under repair, an immovable obstruction, or temporary water.
Animal hole	Any hole dug in the ground by an animal, except for holes dug by animals that are also defined as loose impediments (such as worms or insects).
Ground under repair	Either an area marked by maintenance staff using white pickets or white lines or an area that has been worked on by maintenance staff or an area that contains materials saved/piled for later removal (branches, large grass clipping pile, leaves, etc.).
Immovable obstruction	Any obstruction that cannot be moved without unreasonable effort or without damaging the obstruction or the course, and otherwise does not meet the definition of a movable obstruction.
Reference line	A line of infinite length starting at the hole that is intersecting the ball at rest for relief purposes when the ball is outside of a penalty area OR A line of infinite length starting at the hole and intersecting the estimated point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area for relief purposes when the ball is inside a penalty area.
Embedded ball	When your ball is in its own pitch-mark made as a result of your previous stroke and where part of the ball is below the level of the ground.
Penalty area	An area from which relief with a one-stroke penalty is allowed if your ball comes to rest there. There are two different types of penalty areas, distinguished by the color used to mark them: yellow and red. If the color of a penalty area has not been marked or indicated by the Committee, it is treated as a red penalty area.
Drop area	An area of the course clearly identified as an alternative area to take a drop when you hit a ball in a penalty area.
Unplayable ball	You are the only person who may decide to treat your ball as unplayable. Unplayable ball relief is allowed anywhere on the course, except in a penalty area.
Out of bounds	All areas outside the boundary edge of the course as defined by the Committee. All areas inside that edge are in bounds.
Ball lost	The status of a ball that is not found in three minutes after you begin to search for it.