

New Out of Bounds & Lost Ball Rule

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One stroke Penalty - 2 Options

OPTION 1:

Decide RIGHT AWAY that you are going to put a new ball in play. Re-Tee with a 1 stroke penalty. If you re-tee, you MUST play that ball! Limit of 1 re-tee shot with penalty. This is NOT a provisional. Once you decide to re-tee, that ball is in play and the original ball is no longer "in play" and cannot be played. If your re-teed shot also goes OB or is lost, pick up and take the maximum score for the hole.

OPTION 2:

Drop the golf ball within two club lengths of where the ball went OB or was lost. No provisional balls! If you hit or think your ball went OB. Drive up to where the group consensus is, of where the ball crossed the OB line or where you think it was lost. Drop the ball within two club lengths, no closer to the hole and take a 1 stroke penalty. Do not drop more than 2 club lengths from where the ball CROSSED the line or is thought to be lost.

Example 1:

Your tee shot on #4 goes off to the right into the woods. You know that it is going to be a bad spot. Decide RIGHT AWAY that you want to re-tee with a penalty stroke. Re-tee, you are hitting 3 off the tee. If you choose this option, you MUST play the re-teed ball.

Example 2:

Your tee shot on #9 goes to the left and over the road and it is Out of Bounds. Determine by group consensus of where the ball CROSSED the OB line. Drop a ball within two club lengths of the line and take a 1 stroke penalty.

With the new league rule, there are NO provisional balls. The only options are dropping a ball within two club lengths of where the ball crossed the OB line or is thought to be lost or re-tee with a 1 stroke penalty.