

**Dunany Country Club**  
**Common situations and rules - Guideline for quick reference only.**  
**Please refer to the R&A and USGA Rules of Golf (last updated January 2019)**

**COMMON RULES SITUATIONS**

**Lost Ball (Rule 18) Stroke-and-Distance Relief:** One stroke penalty. Play another ball from where previous stroke was made. If a tee shot is suspected lost, it is recommended that a golfer play a provisional ball. When a provisional ball has not been played, significant issues with pace of play can result when a player needs to take stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that cannot be found. The golfer would have to return to where they hit the original shot. The time for a ball search is **3** minutes.

**Unplayable Ball (Rule 19) Options (One stroke penalty)**

**Again) Stroke-and-Distance Relief:** Play another ball from where the previous stroke was made. If not on teeing area, drop the ball within one club length not nearer the hole from the reference point.

**Behind) Back-on-the-Line Relief:** Drop a ball on an imaginary line (reference line) going straight back from the flagstick through the spot where the original ball lies, as far back as desired.

**Club-lengths) Lateral Relief:** Drop the ball within two club lengths of the spot where the original ball lies (reference point), not nearer the hole

**Relief for Ball entering Eco-Zone on 8<sup>th</sup> hole (as defined by white stakes with green tips).**

This is a No-Play Zone and entrance into the area is prohibited. You **must not** retrieve the ball.

If it is known or virtually certain (95%) that ball landed in the Eco-Zone, there is no penalty (count original stroke made). A player has 2 options:

1), The player may take free relief. Another ball may be dropped within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief

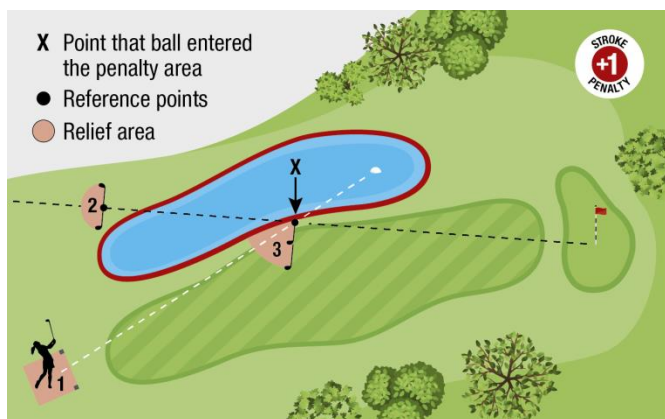
2) **Drop Zone** - proceed to drop another ball in the Drop Zone located directly in front of the bridge and indicated by a white spray painted circle. The player must drop the ball and have it come to rest in the drop zone.

**Relief from Abnormal Course Conditions in the general areas of the course - does not apply to a penalty area defined by red stakes, or out of bound area defined by white stakes (Rule 16)**

Includes Immovable Obstruction (roadways, cart paths, shed and equipment on left side of 1<sup>st</sup> hole, safety netting on 2<sup>nd</sup> hole, stairs on 9<sup>th</sup> green, clubhouse, BBQ), Animal Holes, Embedded Ball, Ground under Repair (dirt on the downside of 9<sup>th</sup> fairway, muck at the bottom of 3<sup>rd</sup> hole canyon just below tees & new drainage ditch

You may either play the ball as it lies (except for flower beds) or take relief dropping the ball within one club-length of the nearest point of complete relief not nearer the hole. It is recommended to mark your ball's position with a tee and identify the **nearest point of complete relief** (complete relief e.g. Your feet must **not** be on cart path). Please note that **nearest** point of relief could be in a bush or tree i.e. **"Nearest not nicest"**. That is why it is recommended to study your options **carefully** making sure you want to take relief **before** removing the tee marking your ball's position, as once you do, you have to deal with it. If you then choose to replace and start over, you get a **one stroke penalty**.

## Relief for Ball in Red Penalty Area



### **DIAGRAM #2 17.1d: RELIEF FOR BALL IN RED PENALTY AREA**

When it is known or virtually certain (95%) that a ball is in a red penalty area and the player wishes to take relief, the player has three options, each for one penalty stroke:

- (1) **Stroke-and-Distance Relief:** (see point (1))
- (2) **Back-on-the-Line Relief:** (see point (2))
- (3) **Lateral Relief:** The reference point for taking lateral relief is point X, which is the estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area. The relief area is two club-lengths from the reference point, is not nearer to the hole than the reference point and may be in any area of the course, except the same penalty area.

### **PLAYING TWO BALLS WHEN UNCERTAIN WHAT TO DO.** ( Rule 20.1c (3) **ONLY APPLIES TO STROKE PLAY**

A player who is uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole may complete the hole with two balls without penalty:

The player must decide to play two balls after the uncertain situation arises and **before** making a *stroke*.

The player should choose which ball will count if the Rules allow the procedure used for that ball, by announcing that choice to his or her *marker* or to another player **before** making a *stroke*.

If the player does not choose in time, the ball played **first** is treated as the ball chosen by default.

The player must report the facts of the situation to the *Committee* before returning the *scorecard*, even if the player scores the same with both balls. The player is **disqualified** if he or she fails to do so.

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### #1

In all cases, including Match and Tournament play, players with one or more clear holes ahead must signal players behind to go through. Please advance to the next tee before recording scores.

### #2

A preferred lie of no more than 1 club length, no closer to the hole, is allowed on the fairway of the hole being played. The ball may be marked, lifted, cleaned and placed, or moved with the club head. Once a preferred lie has been taken, the ball is in play and may not be moved again.

### #3

If it is known or virtually certain that the player's ball is in the NO PLAY ZONE area in front of the red tees on 8<sup>th</sup> hole, which includes the creek and surrounding areas, indicated by white stakes with green caps, the player may take free relief. Another ball may be dropped, within one club length, of the nearest point of complete relief or, by dropping another ball in the drop zone, located directly in front of the bridge and indicated by a white spray-painted circle.

### #4

A free drop is permitted from the drainage ditches on the cut portion of the fairway on holes #1, #3, #7, and #9. The ball must be dropped within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief, not nearer the hole.

### **COVID -19 Local Rule- Relief in a bunker**

Bunker rakes have been removed from the course.

Player may take relief inside the bunker using the following local rule;

When a player's ball lies in a bunker, the player may take free relief no more than one club-length and no closer to the hole, **ONCE**, by **PLACING** the original ball or another ball and playing it from this relief area.