



**Legend Oaks Golf & Tennis Club  
Golf Member Meeting  
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**Meeting Slides by Neil Gowan  
Reviewing 2019 USGA Rule Changes**

# NEW 2019 Legend Oaks Scorecard

BLACK	382	383	202	507	394	540	386	158	354	3306	I	364	195	443	381	418	579	444	174	505	3503	6809	72.9/134
GOLD	373	363	182	496	388	527	378	147	345	3199	N	342	187	400	371	411	564	434	164	482	3355	6554	71.7/131
BLUE	362	316	143	481	356	480	350	136	318	2942	I	332	165	388	351	375	516	400	143	451	3121	6063	69.8/126
BLUE/WHITE	353	316	143	481	319	455	331	136	318	2852	T	332	165	339	292	294	477	363	143	451	2856	5708	68.5/124
WHITE	353	245	130	425	319	455	331	100	274	2632	I	292	129	339	292	294	477	363	91	414	2691	5323	66.8/134
HCP MEN	5	11	17	7	1	3	15	13	9		A	10	18	8	16	6	2	4	14	12			
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HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HCP NET
HCP WOMEN	3	7	17	13	1	11	9	5	15		I	4	18	10	14	8	6	2	16	12			
WHITE/RED	353	237	130	402	319	419	269	100	262	2491	N	286	129	310	292	285	437	363	91	414	2607	5098	M66.0/132 W73.6/132
RED	328	237	110	402	314	419	269	93	262	2434	T	286	98	310	266	285	437	350	77	414	2523	4957	68.6/107



## **THE 20 MOST IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE RULES OF GOLF 2019**

1. SEARCH TIME - REDUCED FROM 5 MINUTES TO 3 MINUTES
2. BALL MOVED DURING SEARCH - REPLACE NO PENALTY
3. EMBEDDED BALL - FREE RELIEF ANYWHERE THROUGH THE COURSE
4. MEASURING A DROP - USE LONGEST CLUB (EXCEPT PUTTER)
5. DROPPING - DROP FROM KNEE HEIGHT RATHER THAN SHOULDER
6. TAKING STANCE ON WRONG GREEN IS NOT PERMITTED
7. BALL UNINTENTIONALLY HITS PLAYER OR EQUIPMENT - NO PENALTY
8. DOUBLE HIT - NO PENALTY. NOW ONLY COUNTS AS THE 1 STROKE
9. TOUCHING SAND IN BUNKER INCIDENTALLY IS PERMITTED
10. LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS CAN BE REMOVED ANYWHERE INCLUDING HAZARDS
11. DROPPING A BALL OUT OF BUNKER - 2 PENALTY STROKES
12. WATER HAZARDS - NOW CALLED "PENALTY AREAS"
13. TOUCHING GROUND IN PENALTY AREA - NO PENALTY
14. BALL MOVES ON GREEN AFTER BEING MARKED - REPLACE WITHOUT PENALTY
15. BALL ACCIDENTALLY MOVED ON PUTTING GREEN - REPLACE NO PENALTY
16. ALL DAMAGE TO GREEN CAN NOW BE REPAIRED
17. POSITIONING A CLUB FOR ALIGNMENT IS NOT PERMITTED
18. CADDIE ASSISTING WITH ALIGNMENT IS NOW NOT PERMITTED
19. PUTTING WITH FLAG STICK IN HOLE IS NOW PERMITTED
20. BALL WEDGED AGAINST FLAG STICK AND SIDE OF HOLE IS DEEMED AS HOLED

## Ball Moved During Search

**2019 Rule:** Under Rule 7.4, if a player accidentally moves his or her ball while searching for it:

- The player will get no penalty for causing it to move, and
- The ball will always be replaced; if the exact spot is not known, the player will replace the ball on the estimated original spot (including on, under or against any attached natural or man-made objects which the ball had been at rest under or against).

## Ball Moved on Putting Green

**2019 Rule:** Under Rule 13.1d, there will no longer be a penalty if a player (or opponent) accidentally causes the player's ball to move on the putting green.

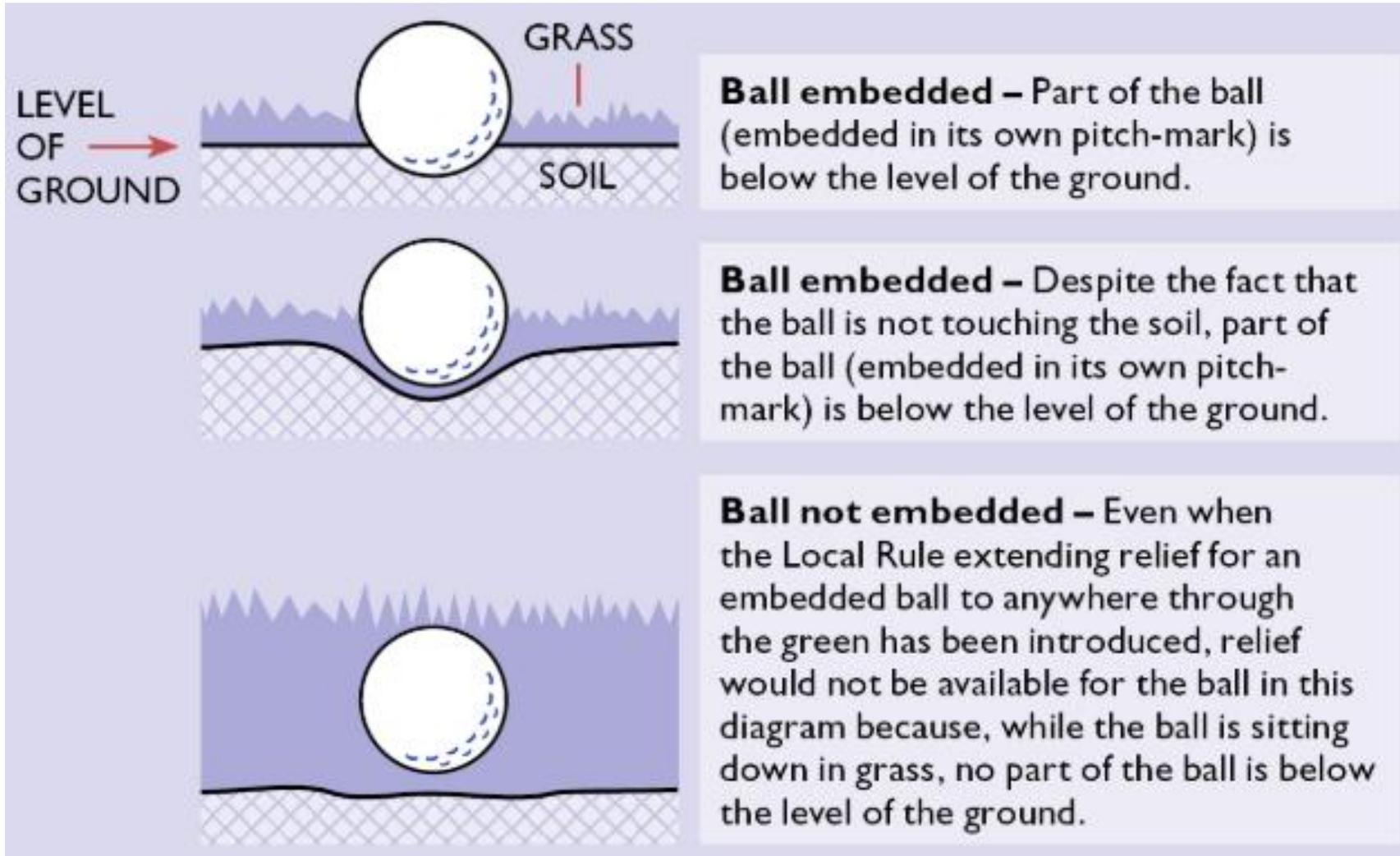


DIAGRAM 2.2: DEFINED AREAS OF THE COURSE



The **general area** covers the entire area of the course except for the following:

- |                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| ① The teeing area | ③ Penalty areas     |
| ② Bunkers         | ④ The putting green |



## Embedded Ball



The current default position in the Rules will be reversed:

- Rule 16.3 will allow relief for a ball embedded anywhere in the “general area” (that is, the area currently known as “through the green”), except when embedded in sand.
- In taking relief, the player will drop the original ball or a substituted ball within one club-length of (but not nearer the hole than) the spot right behind where the ball was embedded.



# How to Drop



## Dropping From the Knee

- If a player plays drops from the shoulder and hits his shot = **1 penalty stroke**
- If a player drops from the shoulder and the ball rest outside of the drop zone = **2 stroke penalty. (Can correct drop only before the shot is hit)**
- If your golf ball lands in the relief area but then rolls out after the second drop then you may place the ball **where the ball landed on your second drop**



Under Rules 12.2a and 12.2b, the player will be allowed to touch or move loose impediments in a bunker and will be generally allowed to touch the sand with a hand or club; but a limited prohibition continues so that the player must **not**:

- Deliberately touch the sand in a bunker with a hand, club, rake or other object to test the condition of the sand to learn information for the stroke, or
- Touch the sand in a bunker with a club in making a practice swing, in grounding the club right in front of or behind the ball, or in making the backswing for a stroke.





## Penalty Areas



Under the new Rules, “Water hazards” will be superseded by the expanded concept of “penalty areas”, and Rule 17 will provide the same basic options for relief that exist under the current Rules: **ONE PENALTY STROKE**

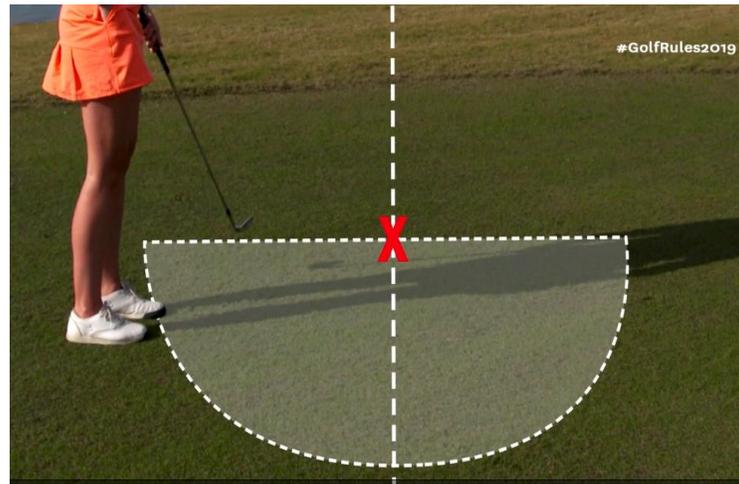
- The two types of penalty areas will be known by the color of their marking: red penalty areas (today called lateral water hazards) and yellow penalty areas (today called water hazards)
- Penalty areas may therefore include areas such as deserts, jungles, lava rock fields, etc.
- The term “hazard” will no longer be used in the Rules.



# Penalty Areas



## 1. Back on line



## 2. Lateral





## Touching Loose Impediments or Ground in a Penalty Area



Under Rule 17:

- There will no longer be any special restrictions when a ball is in a “penalty area” (the expanded designation for the area that includes what are now called water hazards).
- A player will be allowed to touch or move loose impediments and touch the ground with hand or club (such as grounding the club right behind the ball) for any reason, subject only to the prohibition on improving conditions for the stroke (see new Rule 8.1a).

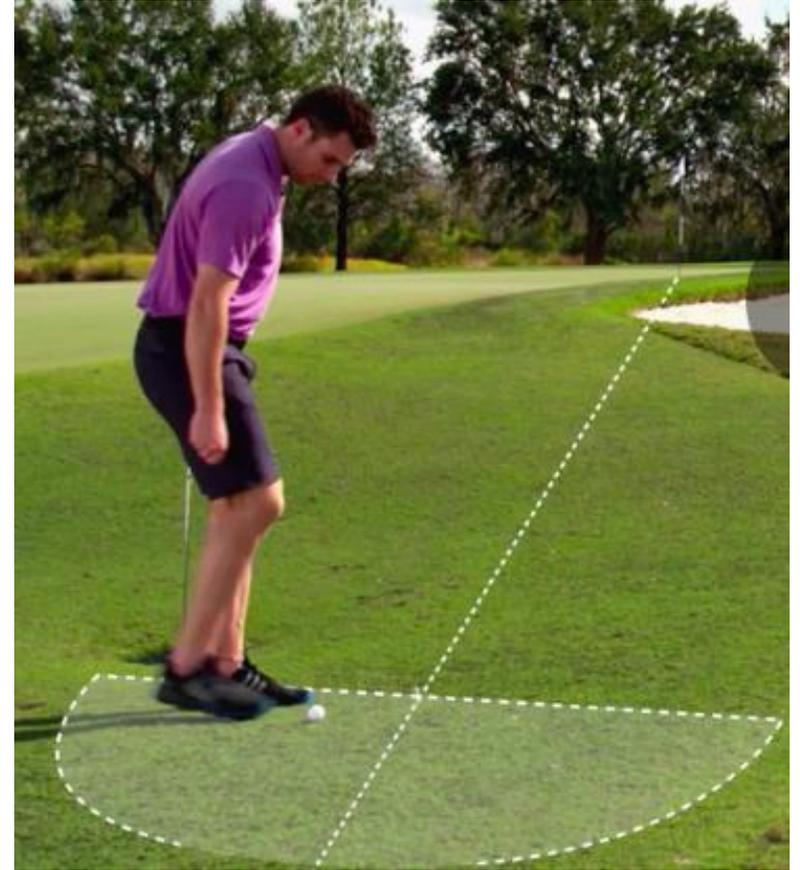


## Unplayable Ball in a Bunker



The player will have an extra option allowing relief outside the bunker using the back-on-the-line procedure, but for a total of two penalty strokes (Rule 19.3b).

- Drop from line of the flag as far back as you like, drop ball 1 club length radius



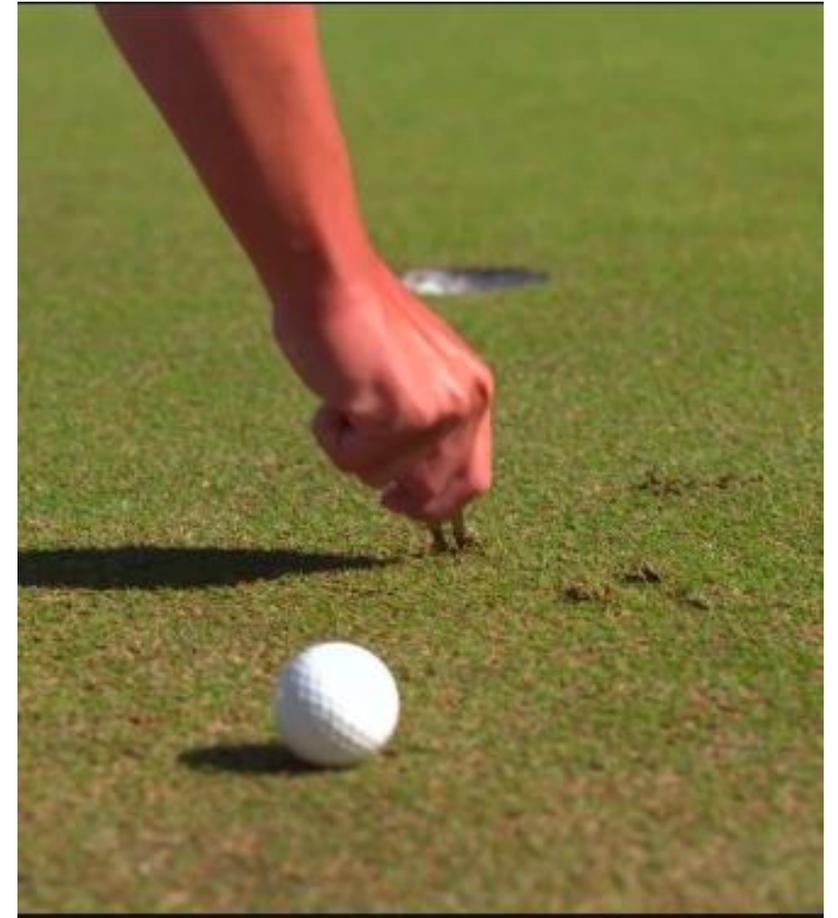


## Repairing Damage on the Putting Green



Rule 13.1c(2) allows repair of almost any damage on the green:

- "Damage on the putting green" will be defined to include all types of damage (such as ball-marks, shoe damage, indentations from a club or flagstick, animal damage, etc.), **except** aeration holes, natural surface imperfections or natural wear of the hole.
- Partner **can touch** the green to help play as reference to aim. (Finger, Golf Club, Flag Stick)





## Stroke and Distance: New Local Rule



### Alternative to Stroke and Distance for a Ball That is Lost or Out of Bounds

**Ball Reference Point:** The point where the original ball:

- When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to have gone out of bounds.
- Is estimated to have come to rest on the *course*, or last crossed the edge of the *course* boundary to go *out of bounds*.



Reference Point



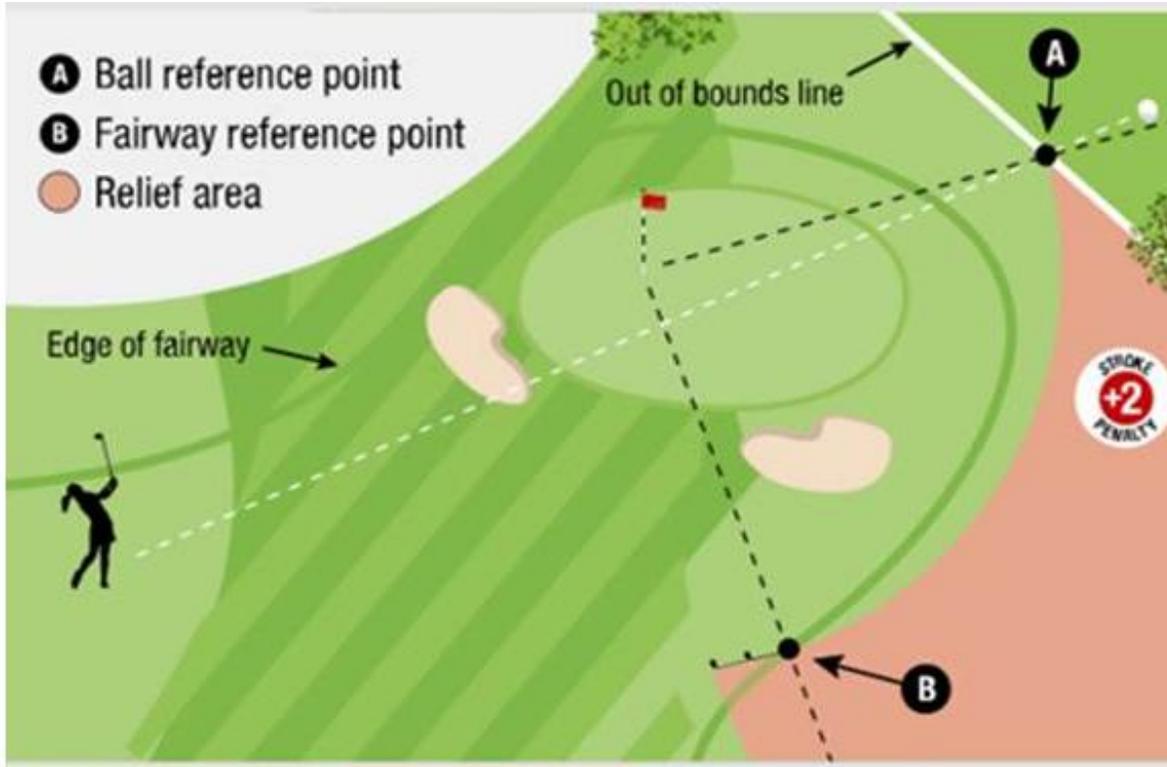
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- This option allows the player to drop in a large area between the point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone out of bounds and the edge of the fairway that is not nearer the hole
- The player gets two penalty strokes when using this relief option, so that the relief is comparable to what could have been achieved if the player had taken *stroke-and-distance* relief.



# Out of Bounds “Close to Green”



Reference Points	Size of Relief Area	Limits on Relief Area
<p><b>A. Ball Reference Point:</b> The 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 (point A)</p> <p><b>B. Fairway Reference Point:</b> The point of fairway of the hole being played (point B) that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point</p>	<p>Anywhere between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A line from the hole through the ball reference point (point A) (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and</li> <li>A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (point B) (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line)</li> </ul>	<p>The relief area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point, and</li> <li>Must be in the general area</li> </ul>



# Other Changes



## Pace of Play

- 40 Seconds to hit shot

## Play out of turn

- No Penalty, must communicate with players

## Caddie

- A caddie is **not allowed** to stand on a line behind you while you are taking your stance and until your stroke is made.
- Your caddie may lift and replace your ball on the putting green without your specific authorization to do so.
  - Hit yourself or equipment with the ball **no penalty**
  - Can substitute golf ball when taking both free or penalty relief.

## Identify Golf Ball

- Can mark the ball pick it up, the player **doesn't have** to announce that he is doing this. Player cannot clean the golf ball and must place back to its original position.

## Ball Wedged against Golf Flag

- Part of the ball is below the lip of the hole, counts as holed.

## Taking Stance on Wrong Green

- Nearest point off the fringe (cannot play shot standing on green or fringe)



# Other Changes



## USE OF DAMAGED CLUB



- A club damaged during a round can **continue to be used**, even if you damaged it in anger
- You are **not allowed** to replace a damaged club during a round if you were responsible for the damage.
- **Cannot** use Golf Club to aid with alignment.



**QUESTIONS??**