

Local Rules.

VESTFYNS GOLFKLUB

1. Markers.

White stakes:	Out of bounds
Red stakes:	Red penalty area
Blue stakes:	Ground under repair
Blue stakes with green top:	Ground under repair and no play zone

2. Stakes are immovable obstructions.

Red and blue stakes on the *course* are immovable obstructions from which a player may take free relief under Rule 16.1. Relief is not allowed to be taken under Rule 15.2.

Penalty for breach of local rule 2: General penalty.

3. Alternative to playing from the location of the previous stroke for lost ball or ball out of bounds

When a player's ball is not found or is *known or virtually certain* to be out of bounds, the player can continue as follows rather than proceeding under *stroke and distance*.

With two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by *dropping* the original ball or another ball in this relief area (se Rule 14.3):

Two estimated reference points:

a. Ball Reference Point: 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.

b. Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the *hole* being played that is nearest to the ball reference point but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

In this local rule "fairway" means any area of grass in *the general area*, that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the *hole* being played cut to fairway height or less.

Size of relief area based on reference points: Anywhere between:

- A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line).

But with these limits:

Limits on location of relief area:

- Must be in *the general area*, and
- Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball *in play* under this local rule:

- The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer *in play* and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

But the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is *known or virtually certain* to have come to rest in a penalty area, or
- The player has played another ball *provisionally* under penalty of *stroke and distance* (see Rule 18.3).

A player may use this option to take relief for a *provisional ball* that has not been found or is *known or virtually certain* to be out of bounds.

Penalty for playing ball from a *wrong place* in breach of local rule 3: *General penalty* under Rule 14.7a.

4. Trees.

The young trees identified by net, blue stakes or supporting poles are no play zones.

- If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree, or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player **must** take free relief under Rule 16.1f.
- If the ball lies in a penalty area, and interference to the player's stance or area of intended swing exists from such a tree, the player must take relief either with penalty under Rule 17.1e or with free relief under Rule 17.1e (2).

Penalty for playing ball from a *wrong place* in breach of local rule 4: *General penalty* under Rule 14.7a.

5. Provisional ball for ball in a penalty area

If a player does not know whether the ball is in the *penalty area* on hole 12 and 13, the player may play a *provisional ball* under Rule 18.3, which is modified in this way:

In playing the *provisional ball*, the player may use the stroke-and-distance relief option (see Rule 17.1d (1)), the back-on-the-line relief option (see Rule 17.1d (2)) or the lateral relief option (see Rule 17.1d (3)). If a dropping zone (see Model Local Rule E-1) is available for this *penalty area*, the player may also use that relief option.

Once the player has played a *provisional ball* under this Rule, he or she may not use any further options under Rule 17.1 in relation to the original ball.

In deciding when that *provisional ball* becomes the player's ball *in play* or if it must or may be abandoned, Rule 18.3c(2) and 18.3c(3) apply except that:

- When the original ball is found in the *penalty area* within three-minute search time. The player may choose either to:
 - Continue to play the original ball as it lies in the *penalty area*, in which case the *provisional ball* must not be played. All strokes with that *provisional ball* before it was abandoned (including *strokes* made and any penalty strokes solely from playing the *provisional ball*) do not count, or
 - Continue to play the *provisional ball* in which case the original ball must not be played.
- When the original ball is not found within three-minute search time or is known or virtually certain to be in penalty area. the *provisional ball* becomes the player's ball *in play*.

Penalty for breach of local rule 5: General penalty.

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