

Mornington Golf Club

Local Rules

General

- PLACING is permitted on own fairway only (30 cms).
- All Marker pegs are immovable obstructions.
- In the general area - All drains, water courses and casual water: Play ball as it lies or take free nearest point of relief not nearer hole.
- STONES: A ball on stones may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.
- All paths: Play ball as it lies or take free nearest point of relief not nearer hole.
- A ball on the putting green, does not need to be putted from a core hole. Place at nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole
- The margin of staked GUR & Penalty areas is determined by grass length, not a straight line between two adjacent stakes.

Individual Holes

- 1st** Flax bushes, garden behind 1st green – free drop at nearest point of relief may be taken, not nearer the hole.
- 6th** Fence is an immovable obstruction. Play ball as it lies or take free drop at nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole.
- 9th** To left of White Stakes is Out of Bounds. Your two relief options are: *Stroke and distance, lost ball/OB local rule.*
- Free drop (in the same country), no nearer the hole, from a [bare patch](#) within the “not cut to fairway height” grass strip running parallel to the OB stakes.
- 11th** GUR – Free drop at nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole.
- 12th**
- a. Sloping Bank area short and to the right of 12th green is ROUGH.
 - b. Roadway is an immovable obstruction. Free drop at nearest point of relief may be taken, not nearer the hole, or the drop Zone, marked by a tall white stake behind the 1st tee. Zone is 1 club length from this.
 - c. Out of bounds on left side of roadway marked by white stakes
- 15th**
- a. Out of Bounds on left side marked by white stakes.
 - b. Behind the green marked by red stakes is a Penalty Area (which may be played from) or 1 shot penalty at estimated point of entry.
- 18th**
- a. 30 cm placing between green and path
 - b. Area approx. 5 metres behind green is a drain. See general above.

Lost ball or OB rule

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

For **two** penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see 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.

For purposes of 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:

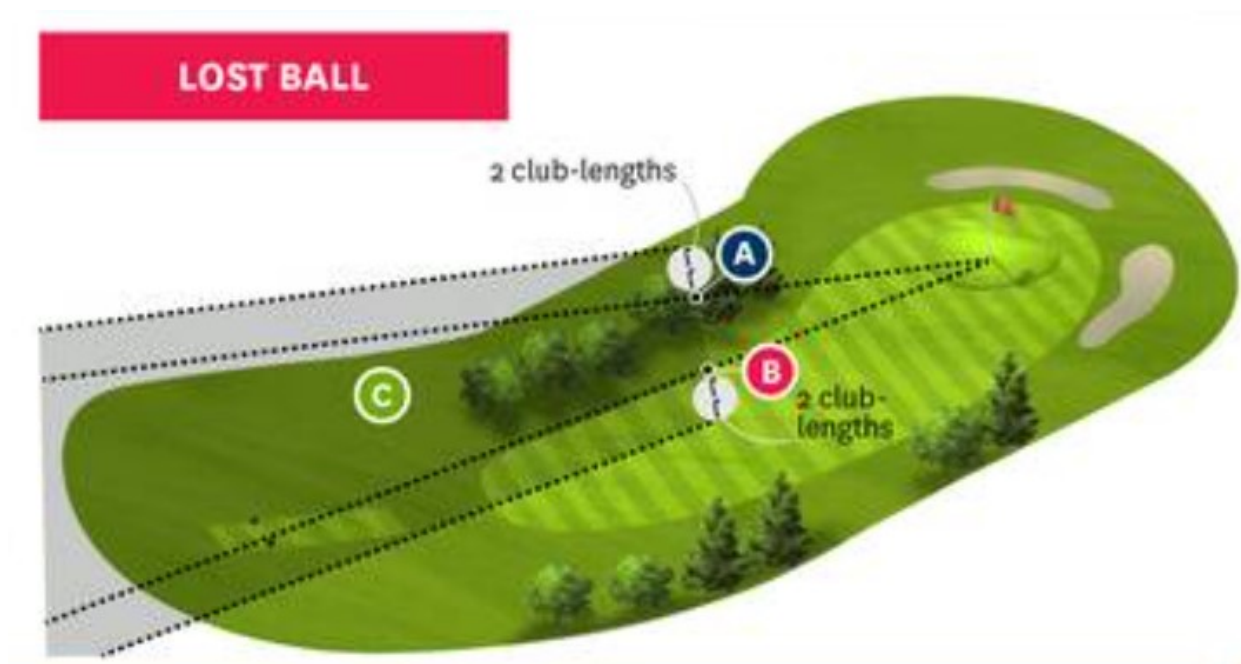
- The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

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: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.”



- A= Estimated point of ball loss
- B= Fairway intersection point
- C= Relief area (not closer than A&B though)
-= Extension through points A &B (+2 club widths)

And yes, this was the easiest picture to describe this I could find 😊