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Welcome



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New Terminology

OLD

Through the Green
Teeing Ground
Water/ Lateral Hazard
Wrong Putting Green
Outside Agency
Abnormal Ground Condition
Casual Water
Play Prohibited, ESA
Nearest Point of Relief

NEW

General Area
Teeing Area
Yellow/ Red Penalty Area
Wrong Green
Outside Influence
Abnormal Course Condition
Temporary Water
No Play Zone
Nearest Point of Complete Relief



New Principles

Dropping Procedure (Rule 14.3)

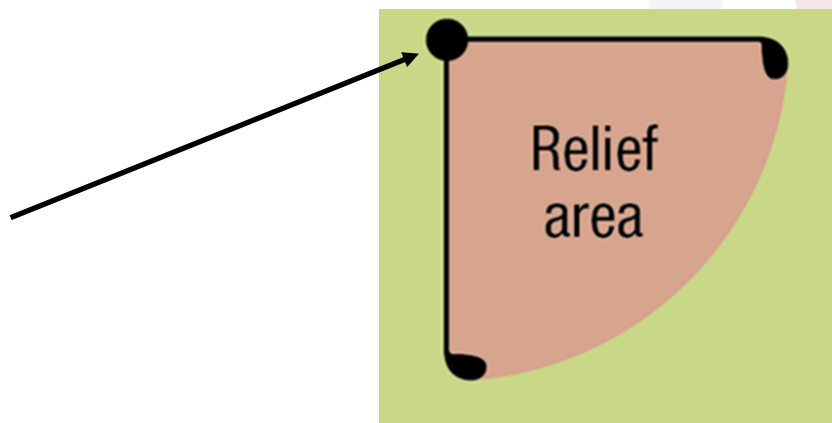
Reference Point

- The point from which the size of relief area is measured.

Relief Area

- The area where a player must drop a ball when taking relief under a Rule.

Reference
Point
(tee peg, coin
etc)



New Principles

Dropping Procedure (Rule 14.3)

Club Length

- Defined as the length of the longest club the player has during the round, other than the putter.
- Used to define the player's teeing area on each hole and in determining the size of the player's relief area when taking relief under a rule.
- Whilst other clubs (other than the putter) can be used we recommend using the longest club at all times.



New Principles

Dropping Procedure

Knee Height) –Rule 14.3b(

- Must be dropped from knee height.
- Must be dropped straight down without touching player or equipment before hitting ground.
- Must be dropped in Relief Area.

Note: 'Knee height' means the height of a player's knee when in a standing position.



New Principles

Ball Searching (Rule 7)

- Time for ball search reduced to 3 minutes.
- No penalty if a player causes the ball to be moved during search. The ball will always be replaced, even if its original spot is not known.
- Not longer required to announce intention to lift a ball for identification purposes



New Principles

Substituted Ball (Rule 6)

- Whenever taking relief, a player may use either the original ball or another ball.

Striking the Ball more than once/ Accidental deflections (Rule 11)

- Count the stroke and there is no penalty.

Damaged Clubs (Rule 4)

No matter what the nature or cause of the damage:

- club treated as conforming for the rest of the round
- player may continue with the damaged club, or
- have the club repaired



New Principles

Reasonable Judgement in Estimating & Measuring is Accepted (Rule 1.3b)

- Even if video evidence shows error.

Distance Measuring Devices (Rule 4.3)

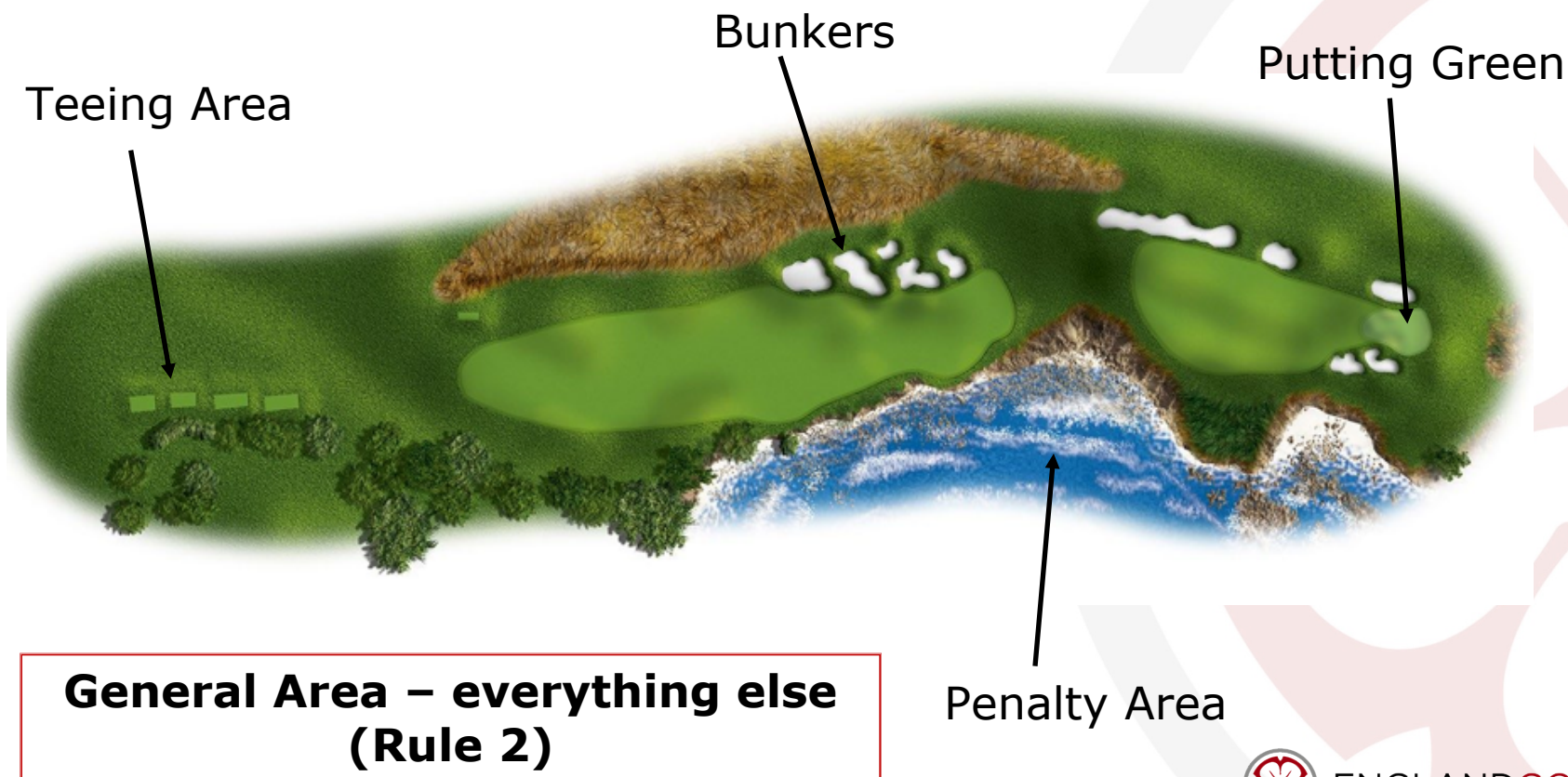
- Now permitted within the rules.

Caddie Assistance (Rule 10)

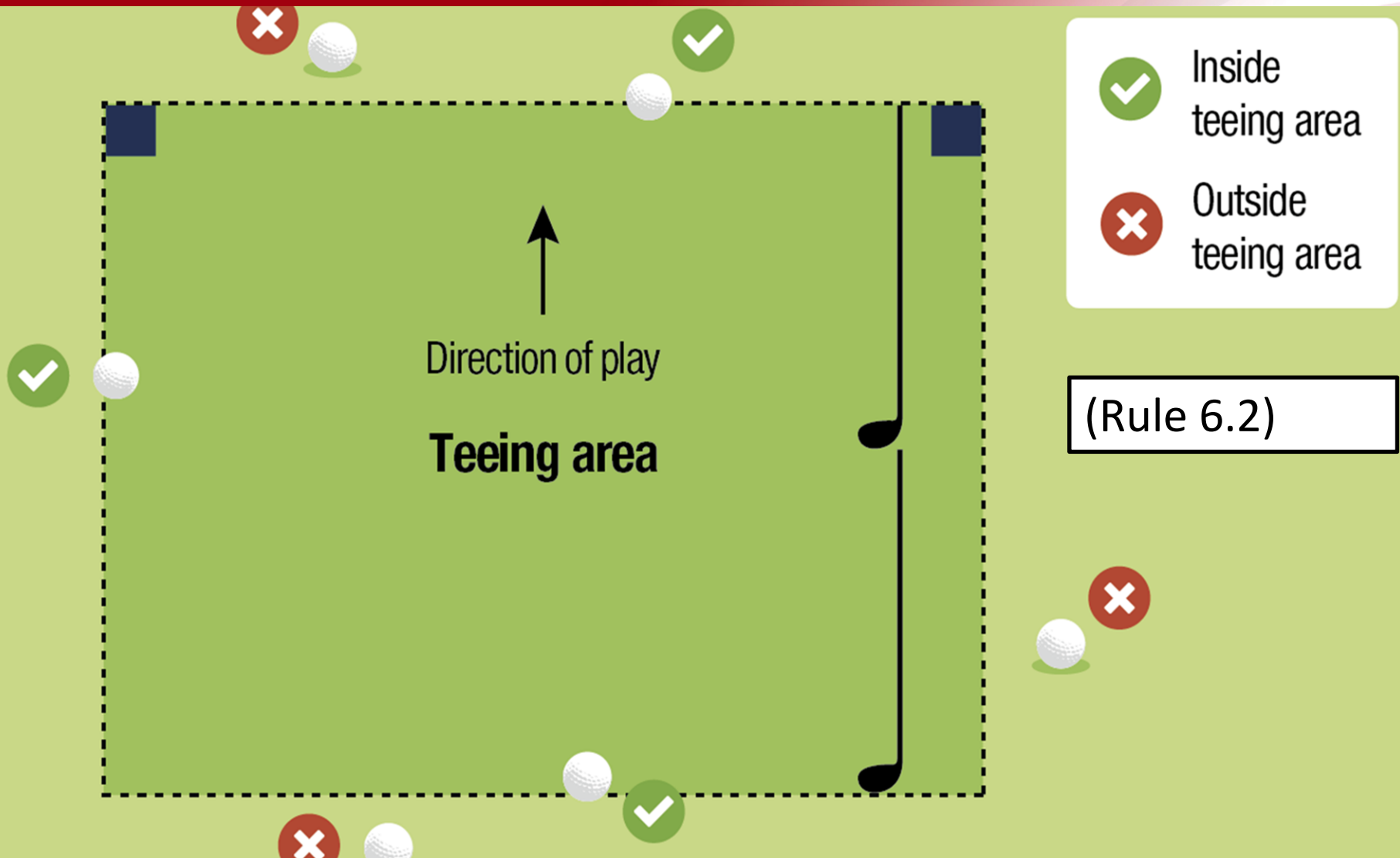
- Not permitted to assist in alignment. Penalty if still behind player when player takes stance.



Areas of the Course



Areas of the Course – Teeing Area



Areas of the Course – General Area

The area of the course that covers all of the course except for the four other defined areas:

1. The teeing area
2. All penalty areas
3. All bunkers
4. The putting green of the hole being played

The general area includes:

- All teeing locations on the course other than the teeing area, and
- All wrong greens



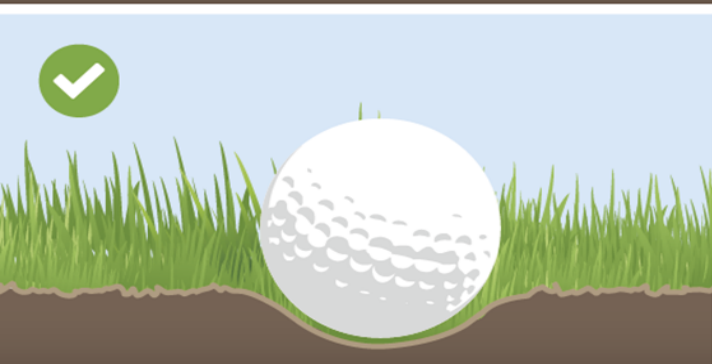
Areas of the Course – General Area-Rule 16



Ball is embedded

Part of the ball (embedded in its own pitch-mark) is below the level of the ground.

← **Level of Ground**



Ball is embedded

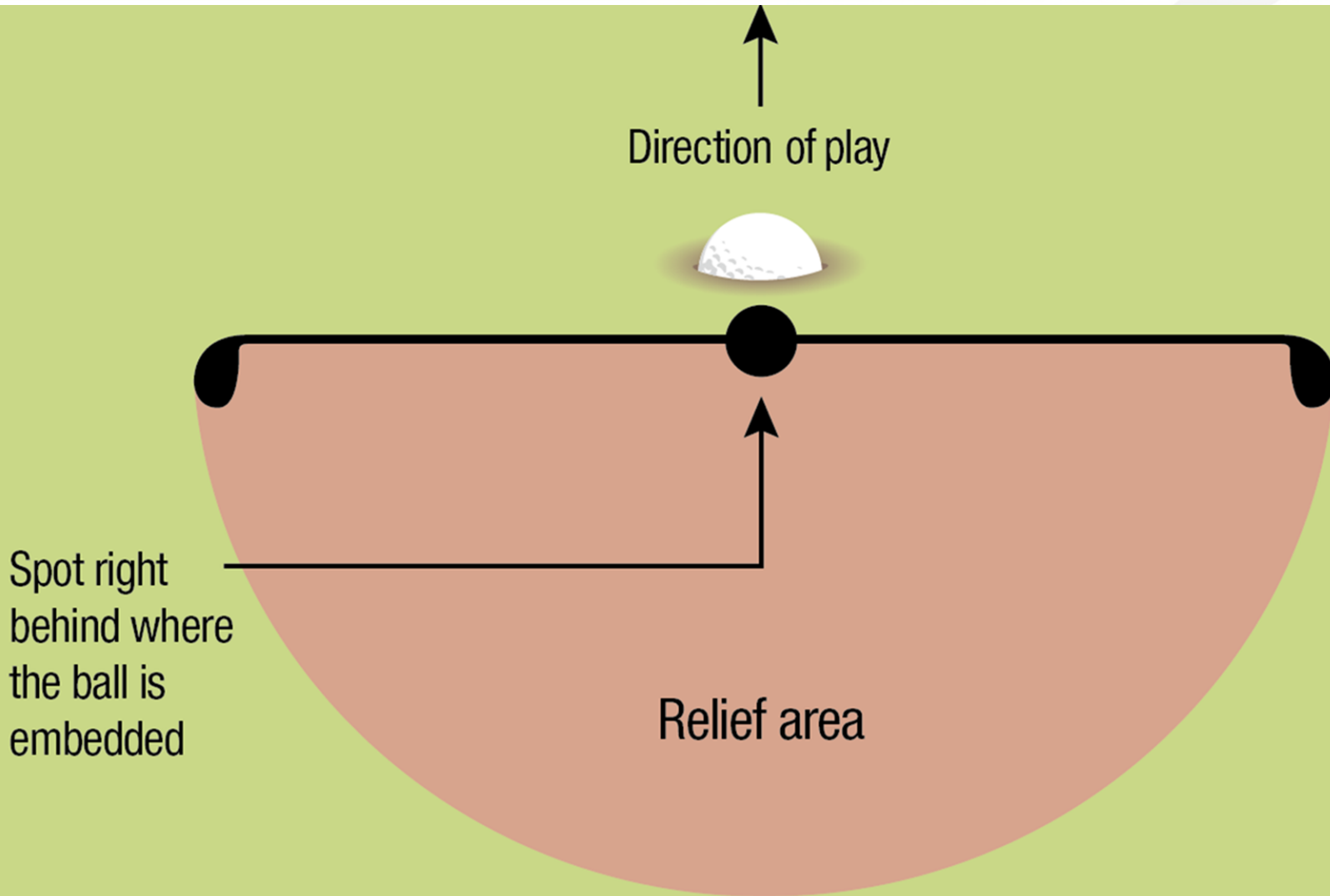
Despite the fact that the ball is not touching the soil, part of the ball (embedded in its own pitch-mark) is below the level of the ground.



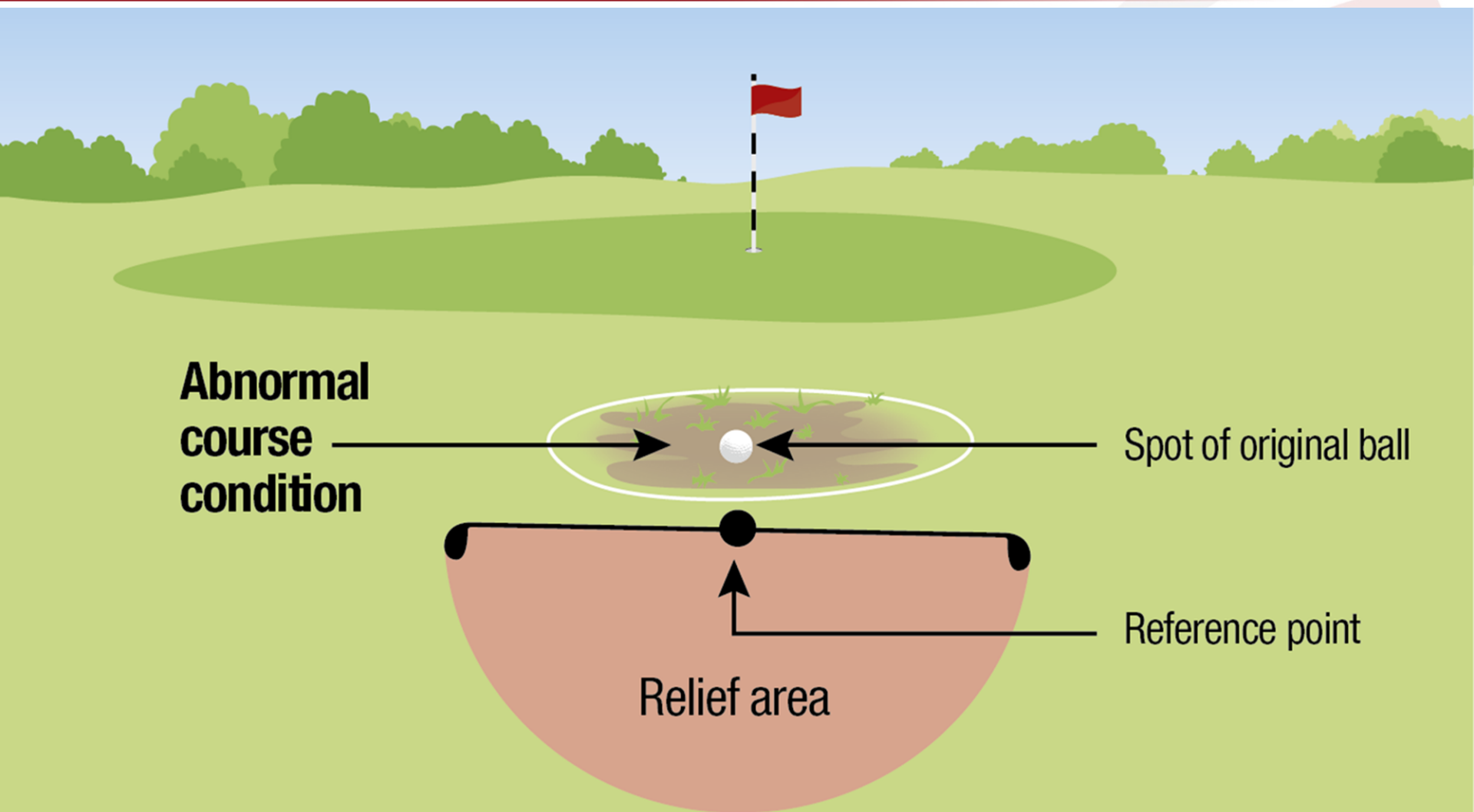
Ball is NOT embedded

Even though the ball is sitting down in the grass, relief is not available because no part of the ball is below the level of the ground.

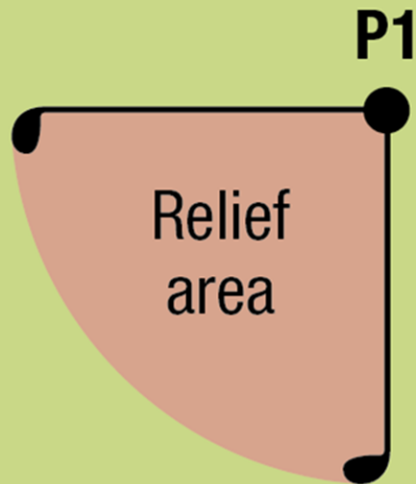
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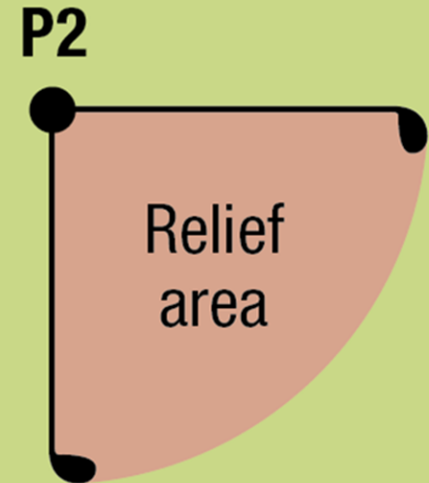
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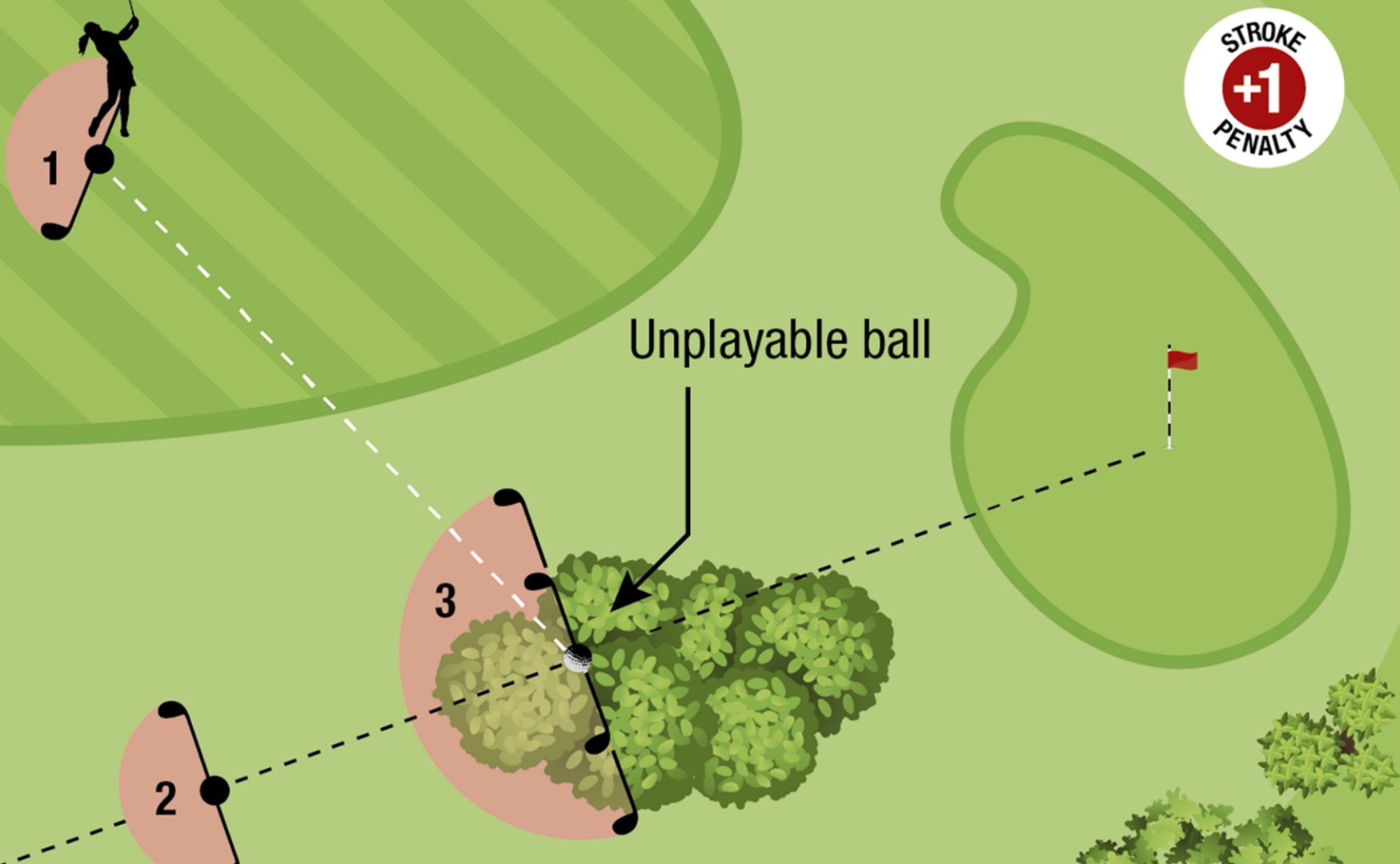
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**Abnormal
course
condition**



Areas of the Course – General Area- Rule 19



Areas of the Course – Bunkers

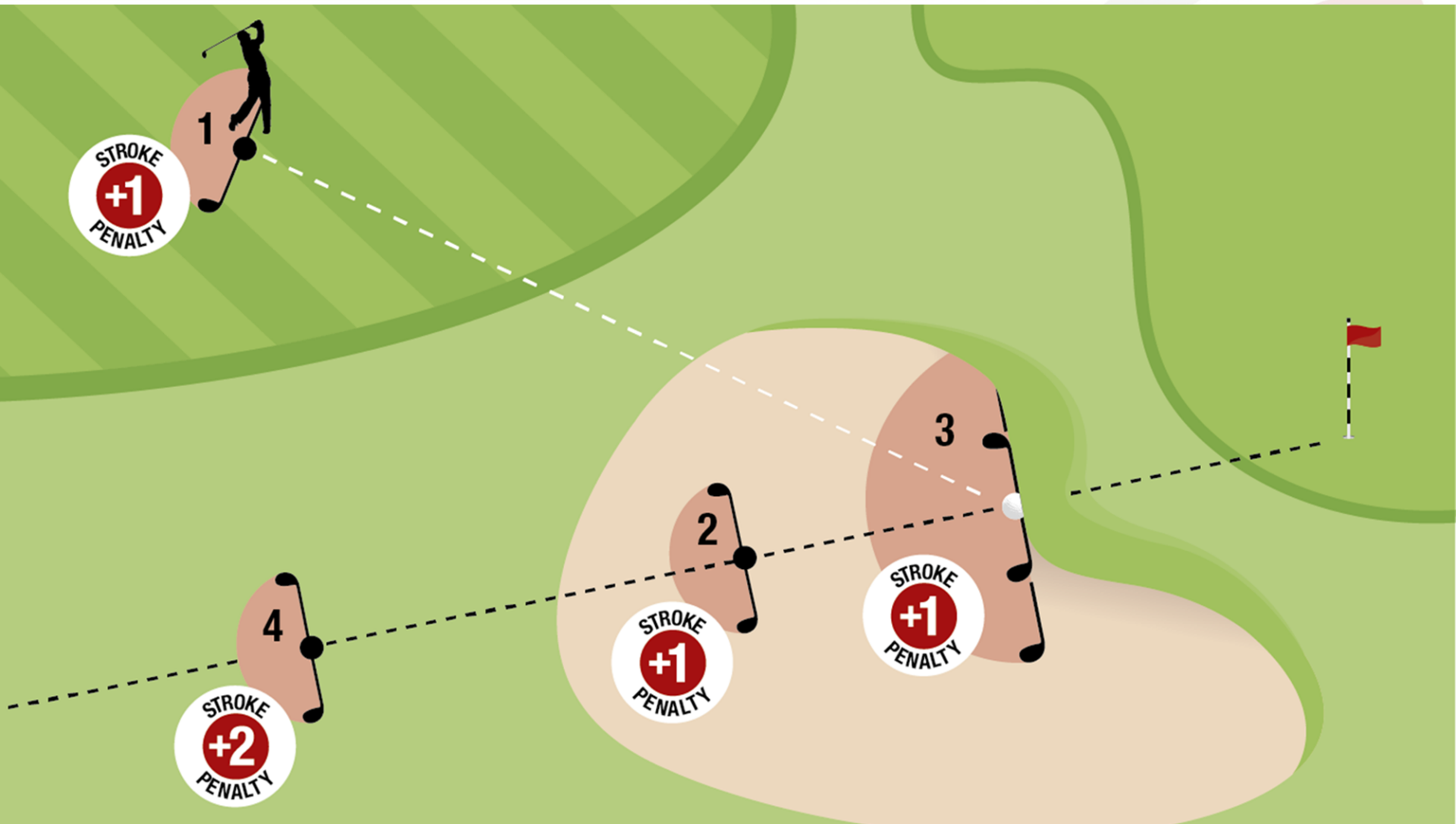
Rule 12

Bunkers are one of the 5 defined areas of the course.

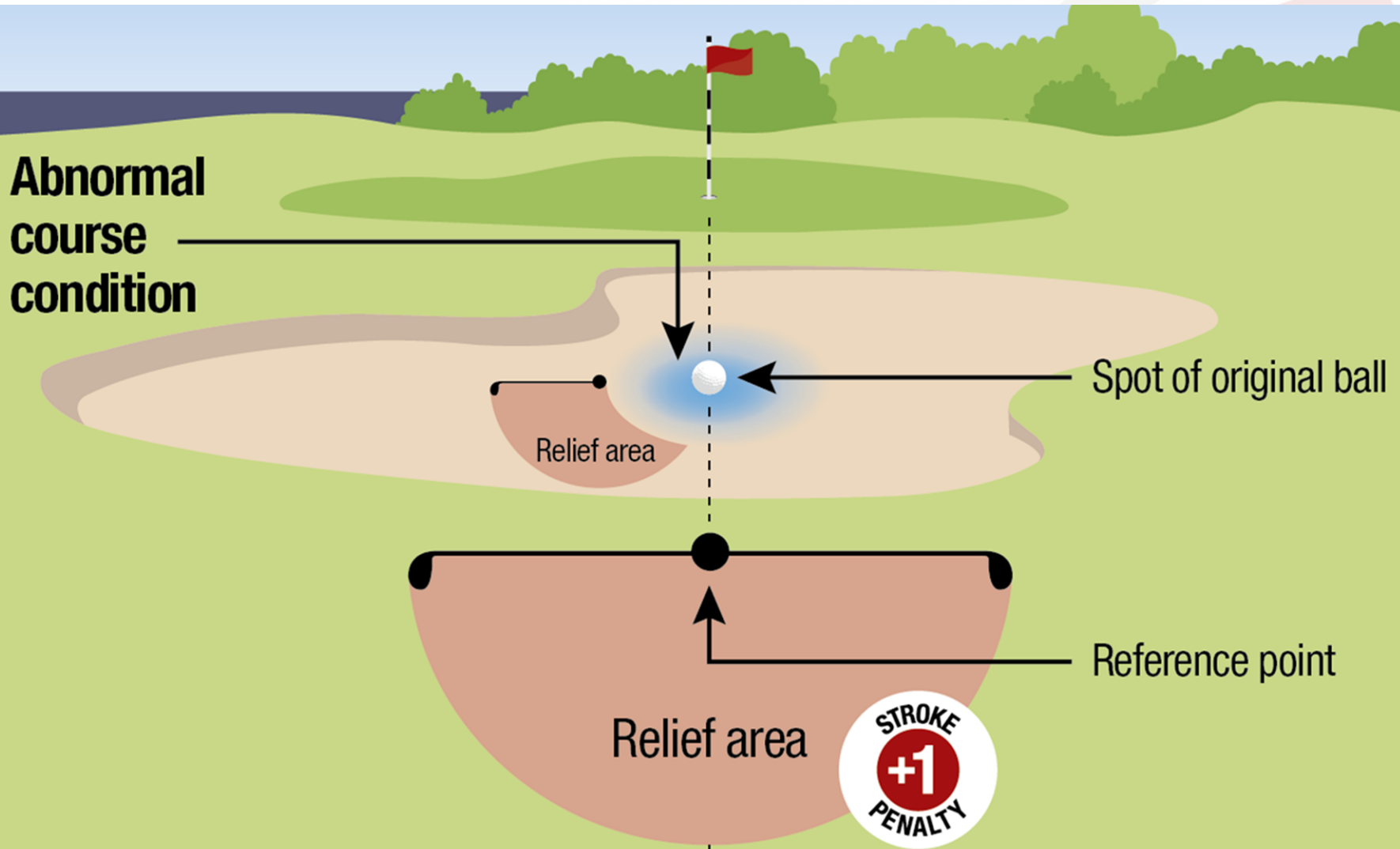
- A player may now remove loose impediments (leaves, branches, sticks etc) from a bunker.
- But is not permitted to ground the club.



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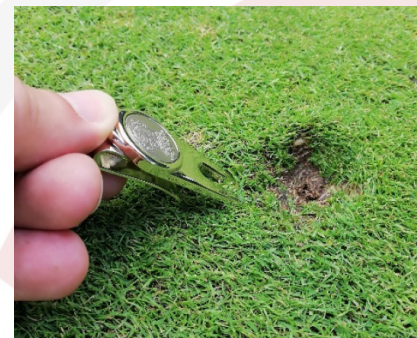
Areas of the Course – Putting Green

Improvements allowed (Rule 13)

- Whether ball lies on or off green
- Repair of damage caused by a person or outside influence permitted

Improvements not allowed

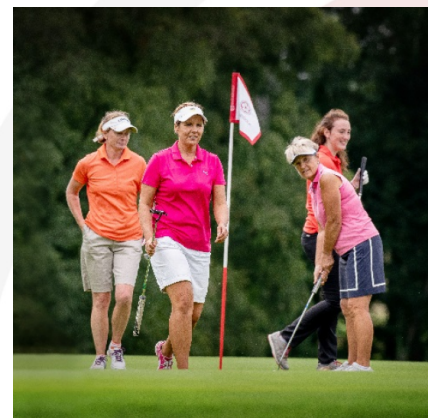
- But not natural damage or damage caused by normal maintenance practices



Areas of the Course – Putting Green

Flagstick Left in the Hole – Rule 13.2

- The player may make a stroke with the flagstick left in the hole.
- No penalty if ball strikes flagstick.



When Ball is Holed – Rule 13.2c

- If any part of the ball is in the hole below the surface of the putting green.



Areas of the Course – Putting Green

Replacing Ball Or Ball Marker That Moves –Rule 13.1d

- Whenever moved accidentally
- Whenever moved by natural forces, after ball marked, lifted and replaced
- No penalty

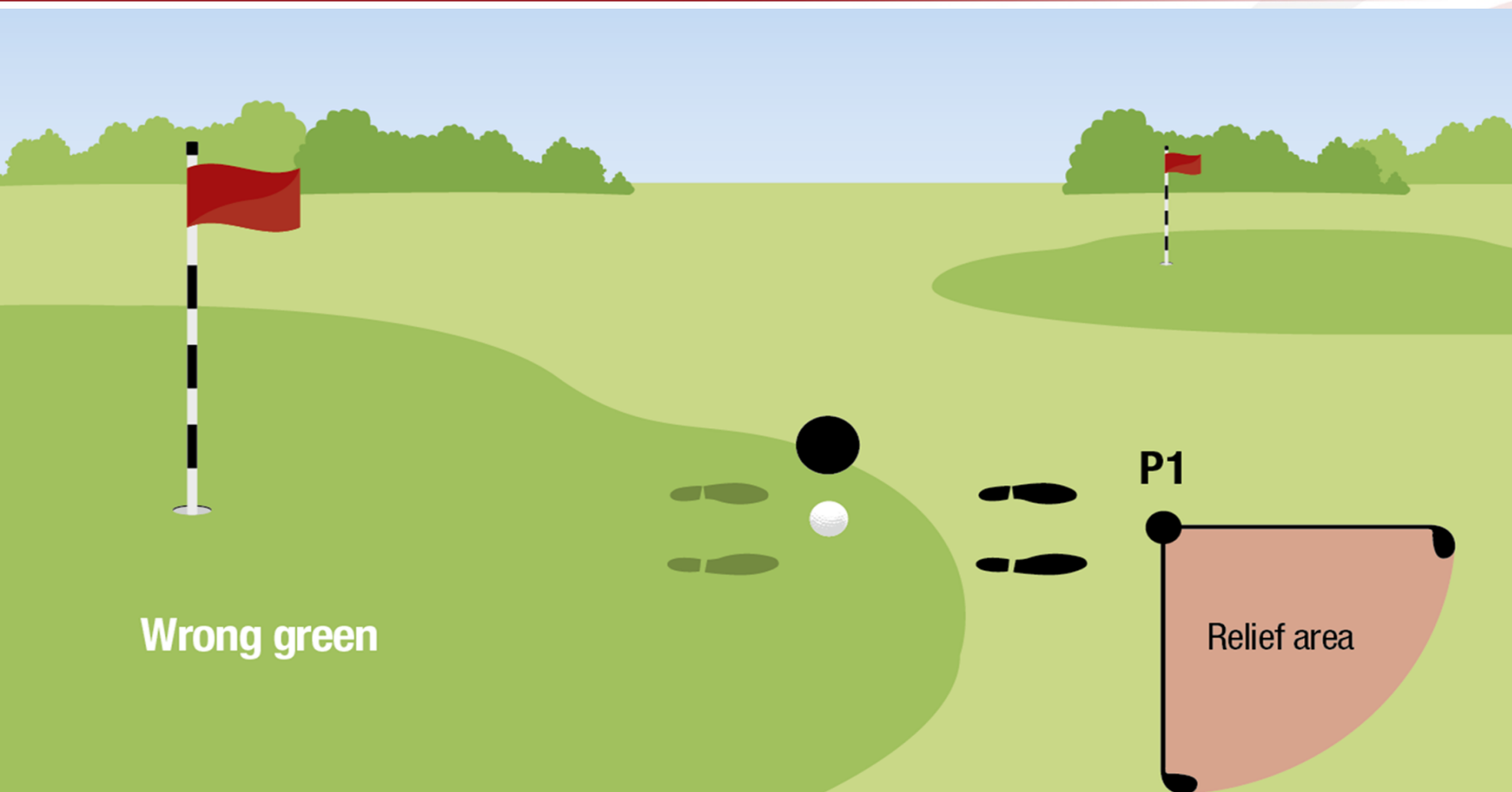


Caddies' New Authority- Rule 10.3

- Lifting ball on putting green without authorisation
- Touching line of play (player or caddie)



Areas of the Course – Putting Green



Rule 13.1f

Areas of the Course – Penalty Areas

Rule 17

A penalty area is:

1. Any body of water on the course including a sea, lake, pond, river ditch, surface draining ditch or other open watercourse (even if not containing water)
2. Any other part of the course the Committee defines as a penalty area.

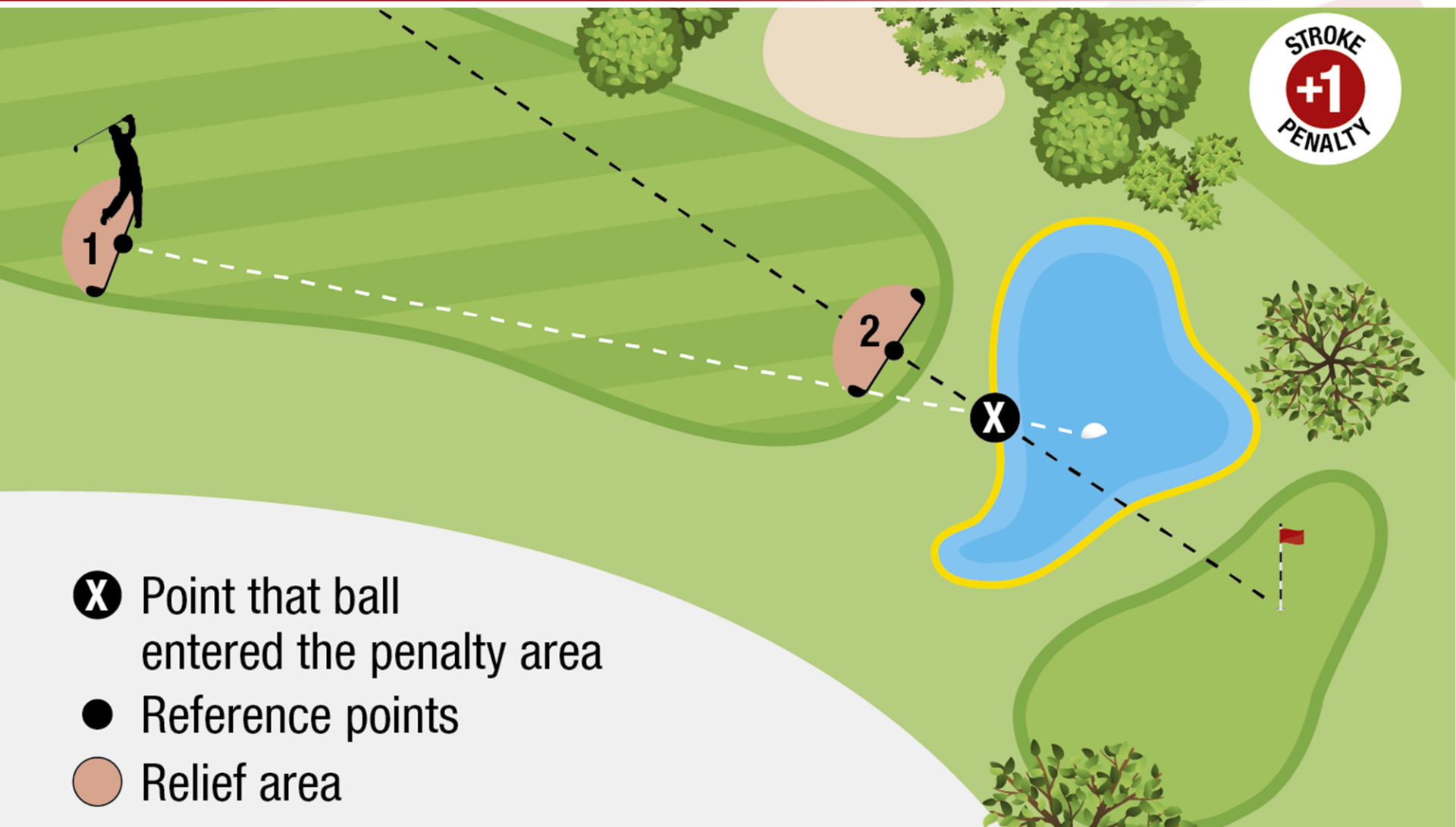
Two types of penalty area, Yellow and Red.

May remove loose impediments.

May ground the club.



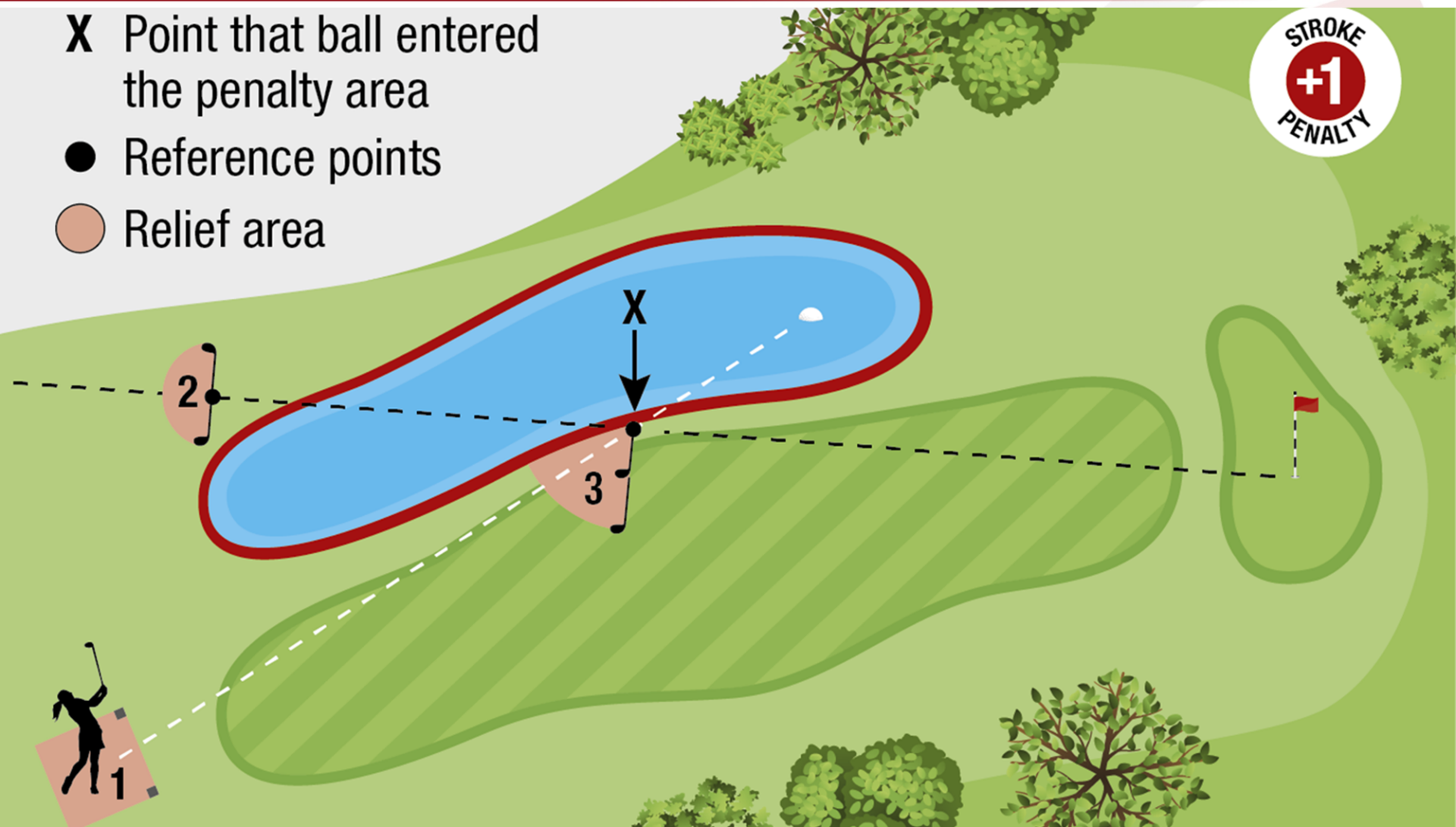
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Areas of the Course - No Play Zones

A part of the course where the Committee has prohibited play. A No Play Zone must be defined as part of either an abnormal course condition or a penalty area.

These may be used for any reason, such as:

- Protecting wildlife, animal habitats and environmentally sensitive areas
- Protection of young trees, flower beds, re-turfed areas
- Protecting players from danger
- Preserving sites of historical or cultural interest



Committee Checklist

- a. Who is the Committee
- b. Course Marking
- c. Terms of the Competition
- d. Local Rules
- e. Pace of Play
- f. CONGU Considerations
- g. Resources



Who is the Committee

“The Person Or Group In Charge Of The Competition Or The Course”

- Who Are The Members Of Our Committee?
- Their authority?
- Committee Procedures



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Course Marking

- a) Existing penalty areas
Committee Procedure 2C(4).
- b) Marking new penalty areas
Committee Procedure 2C(1).
- c) No play zones
Committee Procedure 2G(1).



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Terms of the Competition

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2019 Reference

Pace of Play

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Pace of Play

Ready Golf

- Rules of Golf now permit and encourage players to play 'ready golf' in Stroke Play

Committees Encouraged To Adopt A Local Rule Setting A Pace Of Play Policy:

- Committee Procedure 5G.
- Model Local Rule 8K



Local Rules - key changes to Rules

Local Rule	2019 Rule	MLR
Stones in Bunkers defined as movable obstructions	LR is no longer required. Definition of Loose Impediment and Rule 15.1.	n/a
Embedded Ball Through the Green	LR is no longer required. Rule 16.3, unless this LR wishes to be reversed. (i.e. limit relief to closely-mown areas only via new LR).	F-2
Distance Measuring Devices	LR is no longer required. Rule 4.3a(1), unless this LR wishes to be reversed. (i.e. Permission to use can be reversed via new LR).	G-5
Practice	Rule 5.2b allows a player to practise on the course after completing play of his or her round for that day. LR can reverse this permission.	I-1
Practice	Rule 5.2b stops a player from practising on the course on the day of a competition itself. LR can reverse this permission.	I-1



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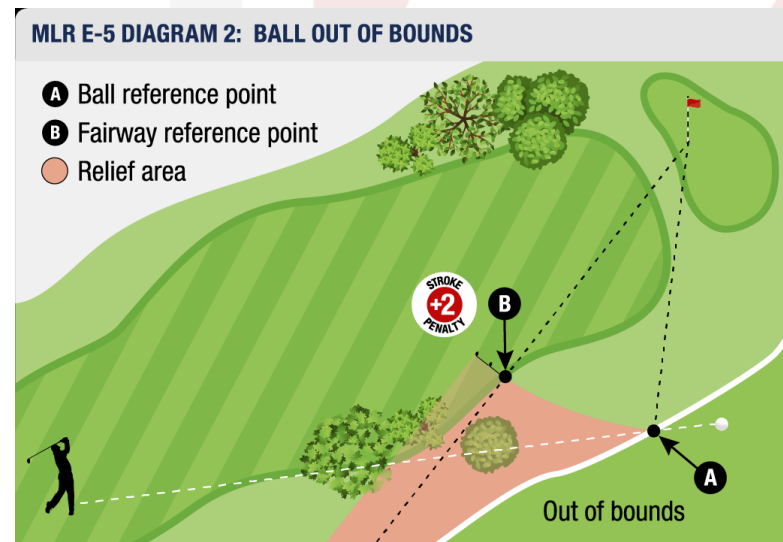
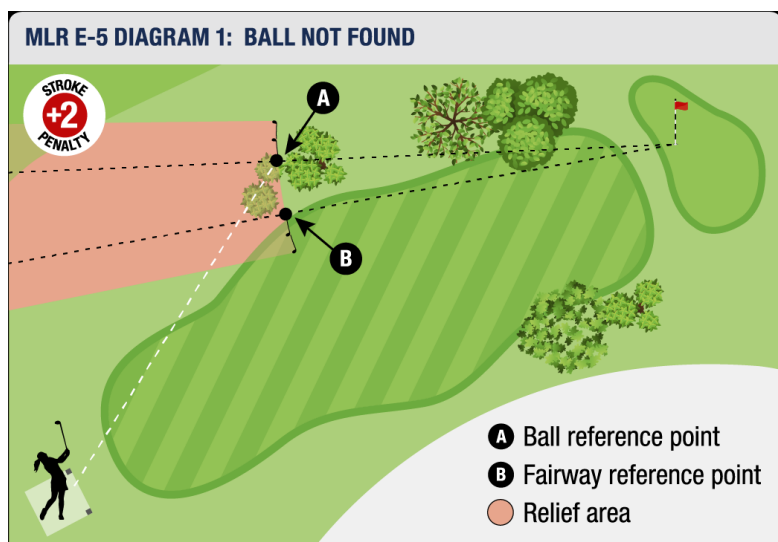
Local Rule	2019 Rule	MLR
Relief from a Wrong Green	Interference now includes from stance. LR can deny relief for area of intended stance.	D-3
Denying relief to stance from an abnormal course condition	A committee may deny relief for interference to stance from any type of abnormal course condition. Previously such a LR was not permitted for immovable obstructions.	F-6
Opposite Margin option for red penalty area	No longer allowed the option of dropping within two club-lengths of the opposite edge of the penalty area to where it last crossed the edge. LR may permit this but only when the design of a penalty area would merit it (e.g where OOB is adjacent to red PA).	B-2



CONGU Considerations

Stroke & Distance Local Rule

- Provides an extra relief option for a ball that is Out of Bounds or Lost outside penalty area.
- Two penalty strokes.
- To be encouraged for members and visitors for ***casual play only***.
- ***Not appropriate for qualifying competitions.***



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Week one: Dropping the ball



So, what's new?

In 2019, players will continue to drop a ball when taking relief, but the dropping procedure will be changed in several ways:

- The ball must be let go from **knee height** so that it falls through the air
- The focus of the dropping procedure will be to drop the ball in a specific **"relief area"**
- **No re-drop** is required if the dropped ball accidentally hits a person or object after



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**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING
ANY FINAL QUESTIONS?**

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