

Rules Situation Quick Reference Guide

Situation:

Out of Bounds or Lost Ball	D
Unplayable Ball	D, E, H
Ball in Yellow Penalty Area	C, D or F
Ball in Red Penalty Area	C, D, F or I
Hitting the Wrong Ball (must correct)	A or B
Playing from a Wrong Place	A, B, or J
Grounding Club in Penalty Area	C
Grounding Club/Touching Sand near Ball in Bunker	
Before Making a Stroke	A or B
Giving or Asking Advice	A or B
Ball on Cart Path or Abnormal Course Condition	C, D, G
(ground under repair, immovable obstruction, temp water, animal holes)	
Agreeing to Waive a Rule	J

Obsolete Terms: Hazard, Through the Green, Margin, Burrowing, Outside Agency

New Terms: General Area, Penalty Area, Edge, Abnormal Course Condition, Temporary Water, Outside Influence, Back-on-the-Line Relief

- A. Two Stroke Penalty – Stroke Play General Penalty
- B. Loss of Hole – Match Play General Penalty
- C. No Penalty – Play the ball as it lies
- D. One stroke penalty and replay from where the ball was last played. *If MLR E-5 is in effect, please reference MLR E-5 in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf*
- E. One stroke penalty and drop back-on-the-line of relief from hole through lie of the ball
- F. One stroke penalty and drop back-on-the-line of relief from hole through where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area
- G. No penalty – Free relief and drop a ball in lateral relief area of one club length, no closer to the hole
- H. One stroke and drop a ball in lateral relief area of two club lengths from where the ball lies, no closer to the hole
- I. One stroke and drop a ball in lateral relief area of two club lengths from where the ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area, no closer to the hole
- J. Disqualification

All drops are from knee height (no longer from shoulder height). A ball must be dropped in and remain in the relief area. As of 1/1/2019, you are able to substitute a ball when taking a drop.

For the full language regarding relief options, please reference the “Rules of Golf”.

