



## GAYLORD GOLF CLUB Golf Rules and Conditions (Hard Card)

Play is governed by the **R & A USGA Official Guide to the Rules of Golf**, effective January 2023. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a local rule or condition is: In Match Play GENERAL PENALTY (LOSS OF HOLE); in Stroke Play - General Penalty (Two Strokes)

### Definitions

- **Known or virtually Certain:** Means there is (1) conclusive evidence what happened to the ball (either by the player or other witnesses) or (2) although some doubt, but reasonable available information (player or other witnesses) shows it is at least 95% likely what happened to the ball.
- **Provisional Ball:** Another ball played in case the ball just played by the player may be: **Out-of-Bounds**, or **Lost outside a penalty area**.
- **Penalty Area:** An area from which relief with a one-stroke penalty is allowed if the player's ball comes to rest there. A penalty area is one of the five defined areas of the course. If a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds area, the penalty area extends to and coincides with OB.
- **Out-of-Bounds (OB):** All areas outside the boundary edge of the course as defined by the Committee. All areas inside that edge are in bounds. The ball is deemed in-bounds if any portion of the ball lies inside of the boundary edge.
- **Reference Point** - The point from which the size of a relief area is measured.
- **Proper Dropping of the Ball** - The player must let go of the ball from a location at knee height so the ball: Falls straight down not touching any part of the player's body or equipment; Stays within the relief area (if ball rolls out of relief area, the player (with no penalty) must redrop the ball)...failure to do so will result in the player hitting from the wrong place Rule 14.7a General Penalty - 2 strokes

### Options for Relief in Penalty Areas (Rule 17):

#### Red Penalty Areas - Has 4 options

1. Play the ball as it lies (no penalty)
2. Stroke and Distance (1 stroke penalty)
3. Back on line Relief (1 stroke penalty)
4. Lateral Relief (**Red Area ONLY!**) - 2 club lengths relief from point of entry into red penalty area. (1 stroke penalty)

#### Yellow Relief Areas (GGC has no such areas) - Only 3 Options

1. Play the ball as it lies (no penalty)
2. Stroke and Distance (1 stroke penalty)
3. Back on line Relief (1 stroke penalty)

**Out of Bounds (OB) Options:** When known or virtually certain the golf ball is **Out of Bounds (OB)** there are two options: (1) Stroke & Distance; or (2) use **GGC Local Rule** that allows the golfer to determine the point where the ball entered the OB. From that point of entry, proceed directly from that spot to the fairway; determine the closest spot in the fairway to establish a reference point; from that reference point, the golfer may take one club length to establish a relief area; properly drop the ball in the relief area and add two penalty strokes. (ex. 1st talent shot goes OB...take 2 shot penalty relief...hitting 4 after the drop). Note: If the player decides to hit a provisional ball from the previous spot and the previous ball is deemed OB, the two above options become null and void and the provisional ball becomes the ball in play.

**Drop Zones:** If drop zones are available, the player does not have to stand in the drop zone when dropping the ball. When a player is using a drop zone, the relief area is defined by that drop zone and the ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the drop zone (see Rule 14.3) The drop zone is defined by a line on the ground and the line itself is considered inside the drop zone.

**If Preferred Lies are Authorized (Pick, Clean & Place):** Model Local Rule E-3 "When a player's ball lies in the closely mown area on any authorized hole(s) and the player is playing the hole(s), the player may take free relief by placing the original or another ball and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: one club-length, from the reference point, but with these limits:
  - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
  - Must be in the general area

**Integral Objects of the course:** No relief; includes rods, cables, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees, liners in bunkers, retaining walls and pilings when located within penalty areas or within and/or around bunkers. The integral objects of the course may be touched with a club or otherwise. Rule 2.3

### Unplayable Ball Relief Options - 1 Stroke Penalty

1. Replay previous shot
2. Drop within two club-lengths of where the ball lies unplayable, no closer to the hole.
3. Keep the point where the ball lies unplayable directly between the flagstick and the reference point which determines the relief area in which the player drops the ball - the player may go back as far back as the player wishes.
4. Unplayable ball in the bunker **MUST** be dropped in the bunker
5. If the **ball is in the bunker**, the player **may**, under a penalty of two strokes, take back-on-line relief (outside the bunker), keeping the point where the ball lies in the bunker directly between the flagstick and the reference point which determines the relief area in which the player drops the ball.

**Local Rule for Ball in a Bunker:** If the player's ball is in a footprint or animal print in a bunker, the player is allowed (without penalty) to pick and then place their ball at the nearest spot of relief within the bunker. The player may rake an area in the bunker to place their ball.

### Immovable Obstructions; Abnormal Course Conditions - Free Relief (no penalty strokes applied)

- There must be interference with lie of ball, stance or area of intended swing
- Determine the nearest point of complete relief using the club the player would use if the obstruction/abnormal course condition weren't there
- Measure 1 club-length (using the longest club that is not a putter) from the nearest point of complete relief (reference point,) not nearer the hole than the reference point
- After drop, if the same condition remains from which relief was taken still interferes, start over.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule:** General Penalty (2 strokes) Under Rule 14.7a.

**Any changes or additions to this card will be supplied on a supplementary rules sheet.**