

## 2019 LOCAL RULES – Cedarcrest Golf Course Senior Men's Club

### 1. *Winter rules (Preferred Lies) -- PPGA Option #2*

- A ball in the general area may be marked, lifted, cleaned, and replaced within 1 club length in the short grass (your own fairway) or 6" in the rough. Should the ball fail to come to rest then it may be placed on the nearest spot, no closer to the hole, so that it remains at rest. Once it is placed and is at rest, the ball is in play and all other rules apply. Casual water may also apply as per the Rules of Golf.

### 2. *Embedded Ball*

- *Lost*

- Providing that the Player and Fellow Competitors are "Virtually Certain" that the ball is embedded and lost in its own pitch mark, in the general area, a ball may be substituted and dropped at the nearest point of relief within one club-length of but not nearer the hole than without penalty.

- *Embedded ball*

- Relief for a ball embedded anywhere in the general area, except when embedded in sand. In taking relief, the player will drop the original ball or a substituted ball within one club-length of but not nearer the hole than the spot right behind where the ball was embedded.

3. *Aeration Holes* both on the green and in the general area are free lift, clean, and place.

4. *Winter Rules, "Preferred Lies"* are permitted in the general area when approved by the committee.

5. *Flower Beds, staked trees, and temporary greens* are a mandatory free relief. Stance, swing, no closer to the hole, plus one club length, is authorized.

6. The *Large Maintenance Building*, its associated access roads, paths, and work yards are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. The point of relief is where the ball first crosses the near margin of the access road. Stance, swing, no closer to the hole, plus one club length, is authorized.

7. *Pump Station by #6 and Bathroom Building* are mandatory free relief. Stance, swing, no closer to the hole, plus one club length, is authorized.

8. *Protective net fences*, Stance, swing, plus one club length is authorized. Drop areas are an option.

9. Free, one club length relief is authorized at point of entry when it is "virtually certain" that a ball is lost in an *accumulation of leaves*. This rule applies from the first of October through the end of December only.

10. "*Known or virtually certain*" means more than just possible or probable. It means that either:

- There is conclusive evidence that the event in question happened to the player's ball, such as when the player or other witnesses saw it happen, or
- Although there is a very small degree of doubt, all reasonably available information shows that it is at least 95% likely that the event in question happened

## 2019 Local Rule: Alternate to Stroke and Distance for a Ball Out of Bounds or Lost Ball

***Purpose of the Local Rule:*** Significant issues with pace of play can result from players needing to take stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is out of bounds or cannot be found when a provisional ball has not been played. The purpose of this Local Rule is to allow a Committee to provide an extra relief option that means that a player may play on without returning to the location of the previous stroke.

When a player's ball cannot be 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 a substituted ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

### ***Two Estimated Reference Points:***

- a. ***Ball Reference Point:*** The point where the original ball:
  - a. Is estimated to have come to rest on the course, or
  - b. 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.

***Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points:*** Anywhere between:

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

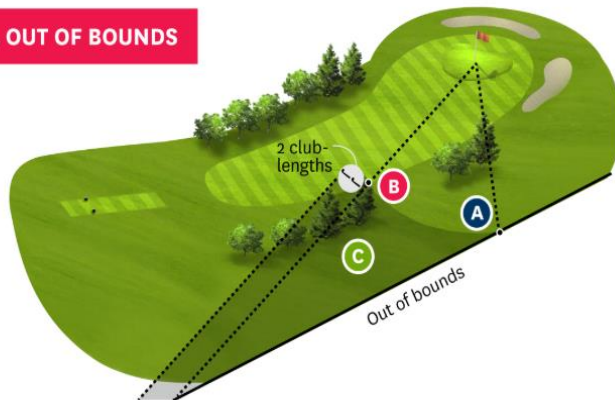
**But**, the player may not use this option when:

- The 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).

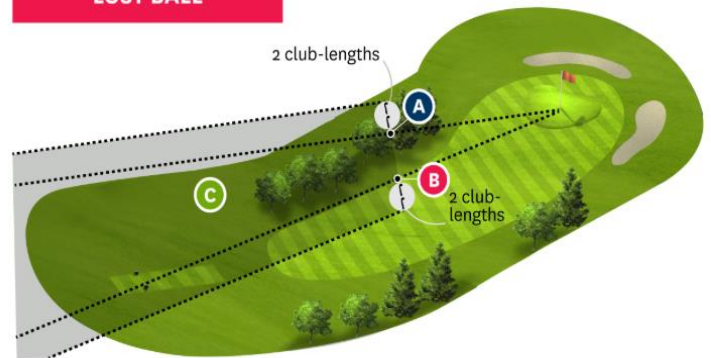
## GOLF'S NEW RULES: STROKE AND DISTANCE

A new Local Rule will provide an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds. This new Local Rule will be available beginning January 1, 2019.

### BALL OUT OF BOUNDS



### LOST BALL



If the Local Rule is in effect, you can still take stroke-and-distance relief, but you will now have the following additional option that comes with a penalty of two strokes:

**A** **DETERMINE SPOT** where your ball went out of bounds (left diagram) or is likely to be lost (right diagram).

**B** **FIND NEAREST FAIRWAY EDGE** no closer to the hole.

**C** **DROP YOUR BALL IN SHADED AREA** as defined on one side by a line from the hole through point A and on the other side by a line from the hole through point B, and not nearer the hole. The relief area is extended on both sides by two club-lengths.

This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.

<http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rules-modernization/infographics/golf-s-new-rules--stroke-and-distance.html#expanded>

For a good description of the major changes to the USGA 2019 Rules check out this,

<http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rules-modernization/major-changes/major-changes.html>