

Oak Grove Golf Group Local Rules

1. Ball in penalty area (red/yellow stake).
 - 1.1 Option #1: Ball is played where it lies. **No penalty**.
 - 1.2 Option #2: Player drops his/her ball within 2-club lengths from the point of entry into the penalty area (no closer to the hole) and continues play. Alternatively, a player may drop his/her ball anywhere along an imaginary line running through the hole and point of entry, no closer to the hole ("**through-the-hole**"). Regardless of the method employed, the penalty is **1 stroke**.
2. Ball out-of-bounds (white stake).
 - 2.1 Player drops his/her ball within 2-club lengths from the point the ball went out-of-bounds, no closer to the hole. The penalty is **1 stroke**.
3. Ball is lost.
 - 3.1 Player determines approximate location of the lost ball and drops a second ball within 2-club lengths of this site, no closer to the hole. Alternatively, the "through-the-hole" method may be employed. The penalty is **1 stroke**.
4. General concepts
 - 4.1 If a player takes a drop and the ball rolls outside the 2-club length zone, the ball is placed anywhere within the zone, no closer to the hole. Do not waste time taking multiple drops.
 - 4.2 To encourage simplicity, all drop zones are 2-club lengths.
 - 4.3 To encourage pace of play, there is never an option to hit a provisional ball, or go back and replay a shot. The goal is to always be moving forward.
5. The maximum score a player may record for any hole is three (3) over par. Once it is certain a player cannot score better than 3 over par, the player **MUST** pick up his/her ball and discontinue play on that hole. A score of 3 over par is recorded and play is continued on the following hole.
6. Summary
 - 6.1 Never hit a provisional ball or replay a shot.
 - 6.2 Always use the "**rule of 2's**": 2-club length relief zone when taking a drop.
 - 6.3 Drop location is dictated by the **point of entry** into the penalty area, out-of-bounds, etc.
 - 6.4 Playing "through-the-hole" is always an option when taking a drop (except out-of-bounds).
 - 6.5 All penalties are **1-stroke**.
 - 6.6 Maximum score recorded for any hole is three (3) over par.