

Westchester Women's Golf Association

Advanced Rules Review

PURPOSE: This quiz was based on questions we often receive from our members. Even seasoned golfers sometimes struggle with these. This quiz is designed to test your understanding and provide links to resources to fortify your understanding of the rules of golf.

STEP 1: Review the WWGA Local Rules on the next page

STEP 2: Complete a short quiz on of the Local Rules and some basic rules of golf

STEP 3: Email back the completed quiz to 310mjh@gmail.com to receive the answer sheet

The quiz is just a way to help you learn the rules. Feel free to use the Helpful Links below to learn more about the rules of golf while taking the quiz.

Helpful Links:

[USGA Rules of Golf](#)

[Definitions](#)

[Clarifications](#)

[WWGA Rules Webpage](#)



Questions? We are here to help. Send an email to Mary Hale at 310mjh@gmail.com

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WWGA Local Rules

USGA Rules govern all play except as modified by these Local Rules

The sod farms on Hole 5 and Hole 17 are deemed ground under repair.

OB stakes between Hole 3 and Hole 7 apply only to the play of Hole 7.

The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play and is:

- Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
- Within two club-lengths of the ball

Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

The PVC pipe at the boundary fence back of Hole 5 is an integral part of the course. No free relief.

During the play of Hole 12 and Hole 13, in respect to the direction of play,

- The area left of the protected fence is a no play zone. The player must take free relief for any interference from the no play zone under Rule 16.1b.
- For interference on the right side of the protected fence, Rule 16.1 is modified so that the player shall determine the nearest point of complete relief without crossing over, through or under the obstruction.

The protective fence closest to the boundary fence at holes 12 and 13, along with the entire area on or between the protective fence and the course boundary edge, is deemed to be an immovable obstruction. Free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. Balls that are out of bounds are not allowed relief under this rule.

USGA Model Local Rule E-5 Alternative to Stroke and Distance may be used as a relief option for a ball that is out of bounds or cannot be found.

For details and illustrations on these local rules see <https://wwga.net/rules>

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Make sure to click on the Diagram links when answering the questions

Question	Answer (Click on one choice only per question)
1. A player's tee shot on hole #1 lies up against the fence between the course and the driving range. The fence is attached to the driving range side of the large fence posts. Which options are allowed under the rules? (Diagram) References: Definition of Out of Bounds; Rule 18.2 Ball Lost or Out of Bounds: Stroke-and-Distance Relief Must Be Taken	☐ A. Play the ball as it lies ☐ B. Drop the ball within 2 club lengths, no closer to hole for one penalty stroke ☐ C. Take stroke and distance relief ☐ D. Take free relief within one club length, no closer to hole ☐ E. A, B & C but not D
2. On hole #2, a player attempts to hit their ball from the middle of the fairway to the left side of the pond rather than hitting over the pond at the hole. Their ball lands just outside the left edge of the pond but rolls into the water. There are no markings to indicate what kind of penalty area the pond is. Which spot may the player NOT drop a ball to take relief? (Diagram) References: Definition of Penalty Area; Rule 17.1d Relief for Ball in Penalty Area	☐ A. Within 1 club length of where the last shot was made, no closer to the hole. ☐ B. On a line between where the last shot was made and where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area, not closer to the hole. ☐ C. On a line that extends from the hole through where the ball last crossed the edge the penalty area with no limit how far back but not closer than where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area. ☐ D. Within two club lengths of the spot where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area, but not in the penalty area.
3. On hole #12, a player's ball is one foot from the cart path next to a protective fence, interfering with her stance. The nearest point of complete relief is on the cart path, so she instead finds the nearest point of complete relief from both the cart path and the fence, drops the ball within one club length no closer to the hole from there, and takes a stroke. Did she take relief correctly? (Diagram) Reference: Clarification - 16.1/3 - -- Player May Choose to Take Relief from Either Condition When Interference by Two Conditions Exists	☐ A. Yes. There is no penalty since they are allowed free relief. ☐ B. No, and the player receives a two-stroke penalty for playing from the wrong place. ☐ C. No, and the player receives a one-stroke penalty for an incorrect drop plus a two-stroke penalty for playing the ball from the wrong place, for a total of 3 penalty strokes.

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4. On hole #4 a player hits their second shot onto the green. Upon reaching the green they see that they hit a stray ball instead of their ball. They find their original ball and hit it onto the green, then two putt to finish the hole. What is their score for the hole? (Diagram) Reference: Rule 6.3(c) - Wrong Ball.	☐ A. 4 ☐ B. 5 ☐ C. 6 ☐ D. 7
5. On hole #5 a player hits their ball into the fenced area around the radar tower. They are virtually certain (95% sure) that the ball remained in the fenced area and others in the group that saw the shot are also virtually certain it is still there. Which relief option(s) are NOT allowed in taking relief under the rules? (Diagram) References: Rule 18.1 "Relief Under Penalty of Stroke and Distance is Allowed Any Time"; Definition for Immovable Obstruction; Rule 16.1 "Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions)",	☐ A. Drop another ball from where the last shot was taken – 1 stroke penalty ☐ B. Find the nearest point of complete relief for lie, stance, and intended swing from where the ball last crossed the fence – No penalty ☐ C. Take relief back on a line between the hole and where the ball last crossed the fence – One stroke penalty ☐ D. B & C
6. On hole #7 a player hits their tee shot 150 yards into the left rough. They find their ball out of bounds. To take relief, they drop a ball a few inches onto the fairway, just behind a line between where the ball crossed the out of bounds boundary and the nearest point on the fairway, that is no closer to the hole, plus two club lengths along the line to the right. The player then completes the hole and adds 2 penalty strokes to their score. Did the player follow WWGA rules? (Diagram) Reference: USGA Model Local Rule E-5 – "Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds"	☐ A. Yes ☐ B. No

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7. On hole #11 a player hits their tee shot into a tree. She cannot find her ball but thinks it is still in the tree; however, she does not know, nor is she virtually certain that it is. Which of these options are available to them under the rules? (Select one answer)

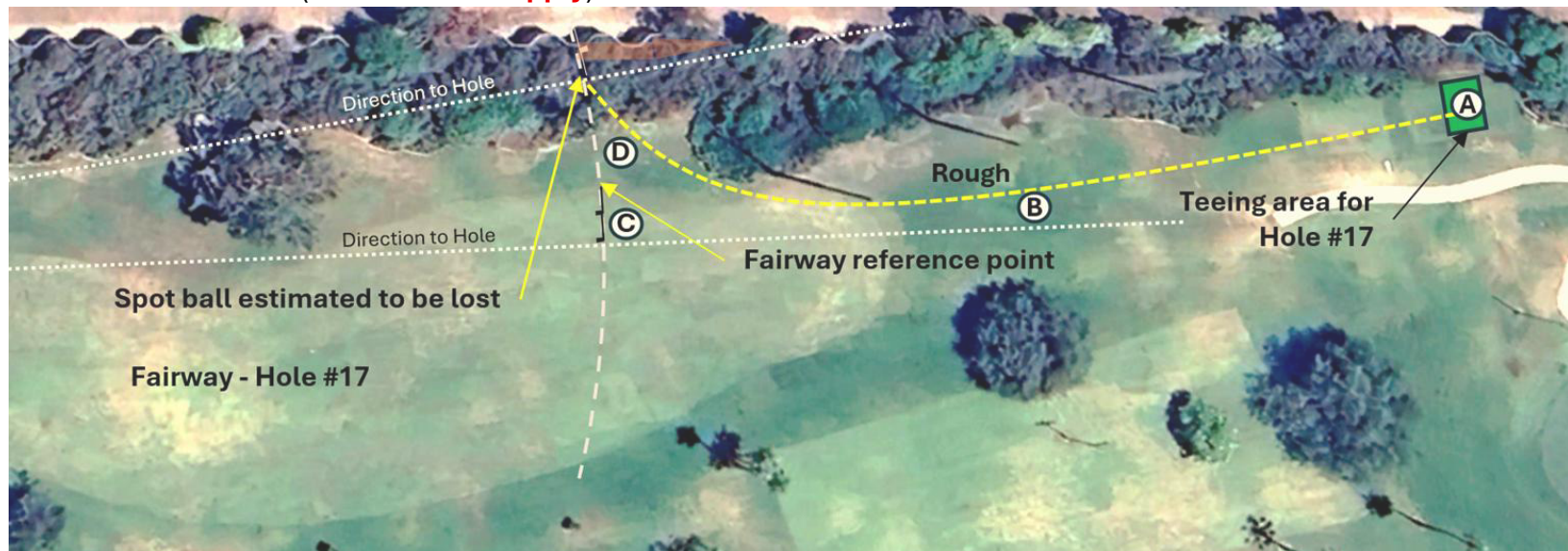
References: [Rule 19.2\(c\) - Relief Options for Unplayable Ball in General Area or on Putting Green](#); Definition of [Obstruction](#)

Answer

- ☐ A. Take relief for an unplayable ball within two club lengths from where you believe the ball to be in the tree, no closer to the hole for 1 penalty stroke
- ☐ B. Take relief without penalty within one club length behind the tree, not closer to the hole
- ☐ C. Tee up another ball in the tee box under penalty of one stroke.
- ☐ D. None of the above

8. On hole #17, a player hits their ball into the bushes on the right. After a 3-minute search, they are unable to find their ball. The player opts to use the Alternative to Stroke and Distance Rule for a 2-stroke penalty. The spot where the ball is estimate to be lost and the Fairway reference point are shown below. Which of the spots shown below are within the relief area defined by the Alternative to Stroke and Distance Rule? (**Select all that apply**)

Reference: [USGA Model Local Rule E-5 – “Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds”](#)



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