

Westchester Women's Golf Association



WWGA General Meeting

June 24, 2025

Hacienda del Rey

Call to Order – 12:10 - 29 Members + one qualifier in attendance

Approval of Minutes of meeting on January 21, 2025

- Connie Simons moved to approve
- Lynn Brewer seconded.
- Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Sheri Wiggett

- Sheri reviewed her responsibilities as Treasurer
- Financial summary (attached)
- There was a general discussion about raising the value of weekly prizes. It was agreed that this will be investigated as part of the 2026 budget process.

Handicap – Toni Mannix

- Toni shared information on the new SCGA procedure for adjusting handicaps. Members were referred to the website for detailed information.
- Toni reviewed her responsibilities as Handicap Chair

Weekly Games – Jane Wortman

- Once again Jane asked members to please add group # to subject line on email submission of scorecards.
- She also reminded member to leave a space between golfers on the scorecard. When game is for selected holes, bring those scores down to the "open" line for verification of game scores.
- Jane reviewed her responsibilities as Weekly Games Chair.

Major Tournaments – Heather Daims

- Club Championship is scheduled for September 2, 9 & 16
- Heather discussed the possibility of juggling the tournament schedule and/or adding a tournament to provide some tournament activity in the summer months. This will be reviewed for 2026.
- Heather reviewed her responsibilities as Major Tournament Chair



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Membership – Ruthie Cote

- Seleste Sakato was introduced; having met all requirements for membership. Jane Wortmant moved to accept Seleste. Lynn Brewer seconded. Motion carried.
- Nole McDonald (a qualifier) was introduced.
- Ruthie reviewed her responsibilities as Membership Chair

Rules – Mary Hale

- Mary went over the monthly rules review (attached)
- Mary shared information about the online rules review quiz.
- There was substantial discussion re: various rules (standing water, abnormal conditions, tire tracks from vehicles and/or carts.

Social – Cheryl Sandy

- Fall luncheon (following final week of Club Championship) September 16 will be at Lido de Manhattan

Old Business

- There was lengthy discussion regarding last minute cancellations/no shows for Tuesday golf. There is a provision in the Standing rules that calls for a \$5 fine after 3 no-shows/late cancellations. Member can not play until fine is paid. It is not being enforced. Discussion followed. Not only is this a problem for fellow players, but WGC could enforce requirment of greens fees payment for ALL players on the tee sheet. To avoid that, we as a club need to insure our ladies cancel only in dire circumstances....it has become quite casual, and too frequent.

Some of the suggested solutions brought up:

- Increase fine
- Step up enforcement
- Decrease number of occurances to invoke a fine
- Deduct fines from year-end payment of awards (and what to do if member doesn't have awards to deduct from)

In the end it was agreed nothing beyond enforcing current policy can be done without amending the Standing Rules. This will be included in the year-end review and amendment process.

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- There was a quick review of the Play Away in May. 27 members attended the event - Lodging at the Corque Hotel in Solvang, CA with two days of golf at the River Course at Alisal. It was a successful event; with members requesting a reprise in 2026. The course and hotel have been booked for May 18-21, 2026

New Business

- The membership was reminded that nominating committee will be formed in September for October elections. Everyone was encouraged to consider volunteering to help the club.
- There was a general discussion on lunch venues following golf. Currently the rotation is Hacienda del Rey, Tower Pizza and Thai Talay. Both Melody Bar and the WGC Café have been dropped because 5 or fewer ladies were showing up at those venues. While we are open to options, flexibility of venue vis-à-vis separate checks, staggered arrivals, etc. make it challenging with most venues unwilling to accommodate these anomalies.
- Carol has arranged with Pro-Terry at WGC to give our ladies group golf lessons. Carol will set it up and those interested will "enroll" on a FCFS basis.

50/50 Pot Winner

- Nancy Mandoky \$21.50 from the 50/50 raffle.
- \$21.50 will be earmarked for our Helen's Room donation for 2025.

Next Meeting Dates

- Board Meeting TBD
- General Meeting will be September 23

Adjourn – 1:14

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah Christian
Deborah Christian, Secretary

Treasurers Report General Meeting 6-24-25

May 31 st Beginning Balance	\$17,787.71
Ending Balance	\$ 9,417.54

Playaway	
Club Donation	\$ 300.00
Profit	\$ 7.71

Spring Fling	
Club Donation for Lunch	\$ 120.00
Raffle income	\$ 764.00
Exp	\$ 53.23
Profit	\$ 592.83

Money owed to members	
For Tournaments and	
Weekly Games	\$ 4,067.25

Actual Balance as of May 31 st	\$ 5,350.29
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Respectfully submitted,
Sheri Wiggett
Treasurer WWGA

WWGA RULES TOPIC – APRIL 2025

Interference from a Fence

(Unplayable Ball & Immovable Obstruction)

This WWGA Rules Topic was designed to help reduce the confusion in the proper way to take relief from a fence, particularly when near the green.



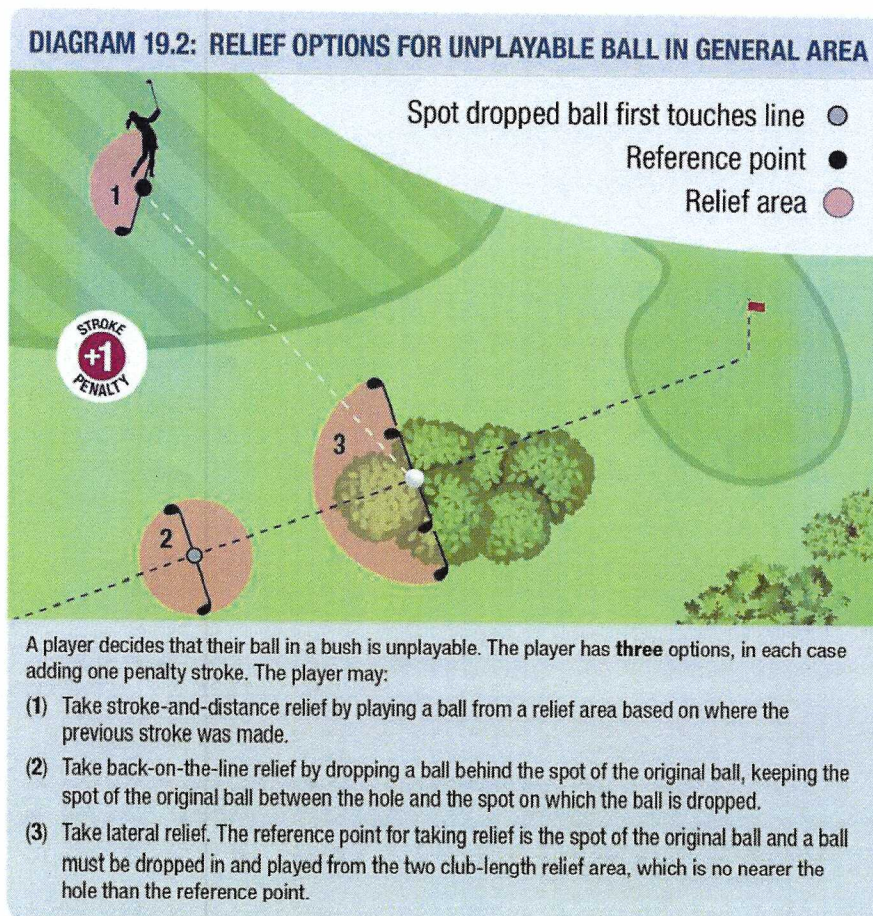
Free Relief or Penalty Stroke?

Whether relief is free or will cost you a penalty stroke depends on the type of fence.

- **Boundary Fence** – No free relief. May take relief for **Unplayable Ball**
- **Protective Fence** – Free relief from **Abnormal Course Condition**
 - A protective fence is an Immovable Obstruction - a type of Abnormal Course Condition
 - An Immovable Obstruction is any obstruction that cannot be moved without unreasonable effort or without damaging the obstruction or the course.
- **Small moveable fence** – Okay to move it out of the way - just put it back after your stroke!

Unplayable Ball Relief Options

The diagram below shows the three relief options available for an Unplayable Ball.



Unplayable Ball Relief might not give full relief

What if the bush in this picture was twice as big!

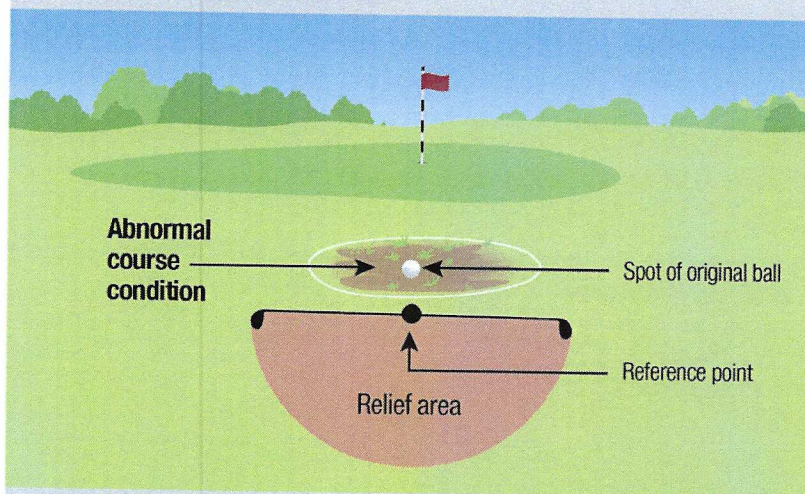
No Guarantee Ball Will Be Playable After Taking Unplayable Relief

When taking unplayable ball relief, **a player must accept the outcome even if it is unfavourable**, such as when a dropped ball comes to rest in its original location or in a bad lie in another location in the relief area.

Free Relief from Abnormal Course Conditions

For relief from a Protective Fence (like those on holes 12 & 13), first you find the Reference Point, which is the nearest point of complete relief, not closer to the hole. Then drop a ball into the relief area, which is one club length from the Reference Point, but no closer to the hole than the reference point.

DIAGRAM 16.1b: FREE RELIEF FROM ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION IN GENERAL AREA



- Free relief is allowed when the ball is in the general area and there is interference by an abnormal course condition.
- The nearest point of complete relief should be identified and a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.
- The relief area is one club-length from the reference point, is not nearer to the hole than the reference point and must be in the general area.
- When taking relief, the player must take complete relief from all interference by the abnormal course condition.

Complete Relief

Complete Relief means complete relief for lie, area of stance and intended swing.

! Unless the ball is on the green, you are not allowed relief for line-of-play.

! The nearest point of complete relief is not necessarily the nicest point of complete relief.

The nearest point of complete relief could be in a bush, in the middle of a tree, or on some rocks.

No Relief When Clearly Unreasonable to Play Ball

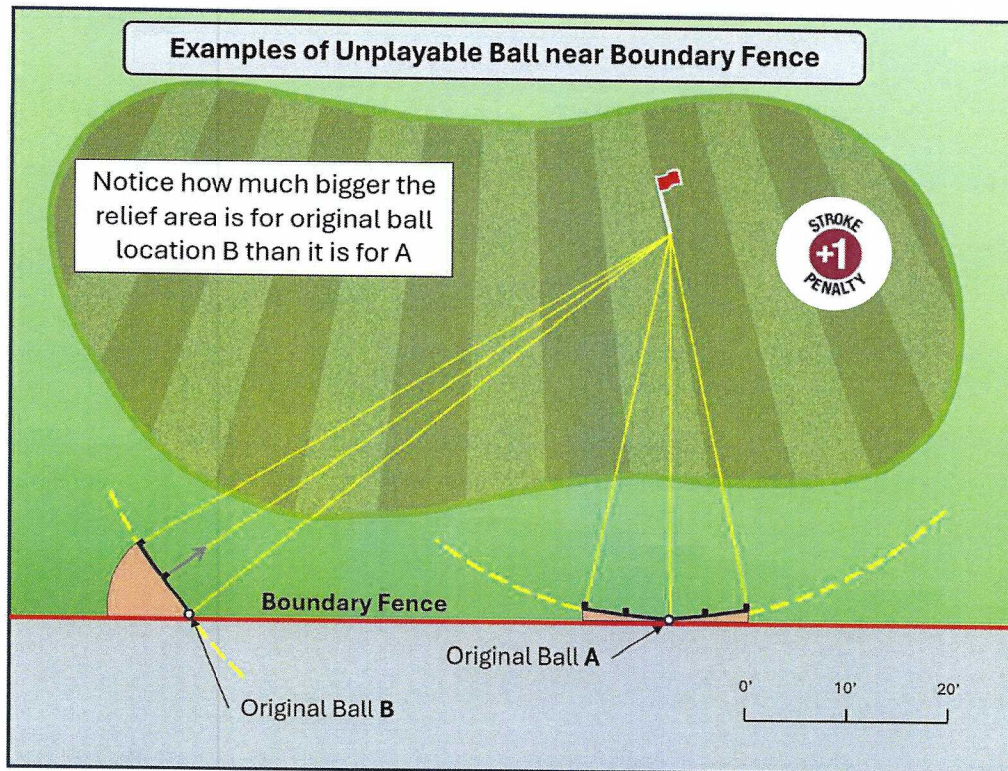
One example would be when playing the ball as it lies it would be clearly unreasonable because of something from which the player is not allowed to take free relief, such as when a player is unable to make a stroke because of where the ball lies in a bush. Another example would be when interference exists only because a player chooses a club, type of stance or swing or direction of play that is clearly unreasonable under the circumstances.

When Interference by Second Abnormal Course Condition Exists after Complete Relief Taken from First Condition

Let's say you take free relief from the protective fence between holes 12 & 13, but when you drop the ball it lands on the cart path, but still within one club length of the reference point and no closer to the hole. You can now take free relief from the cart path. If after taking that relief you wind up with interference with the fence again, you may locate the nearest complete relief from both. However, you need to take relief from one then the other before taking relief from both.

Comparison - Unplayable Ball and Relief from Abnormal Course Condition

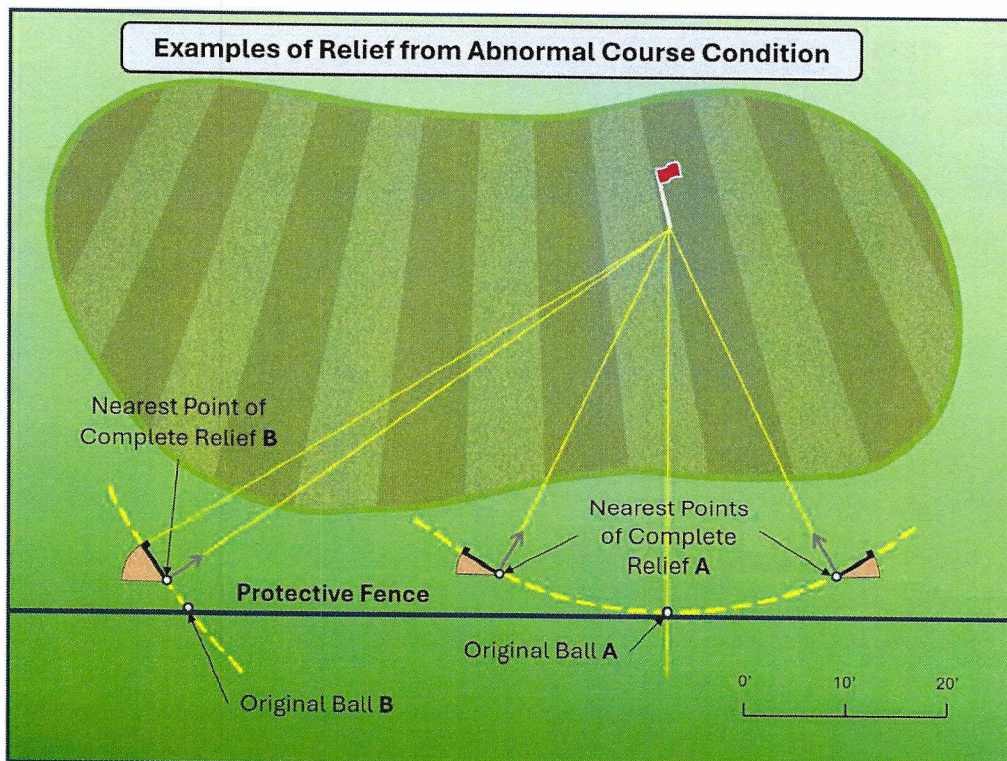
Unplayable Ball Relief and Relief from Abnormal Course Condition may seem similar but can be quite different. See the examples below.



! Unplayable Ball near Boundary Fence

Notice how small the relief area is for Original Ball A compared to the relief area for Original Ball B. May not be enough relief for intended stance and swing.

Stroke & Distance is another option to consider.



! Free relief from Protective Fence

Complete relief from the protective fence.

Notice how far away from the Original Ball A the relief areas are. Anywhere closer would not give complete relief.

Reference USGA [Rule 16 - Relief from Abnormal Course Conditions](#) and [Rule 19 - Unplayable Ball](#)