

# USGA NEW for 2019 - LOCAL RULE for a Ball That is Lost Outside a Penalty area or Out of Bounds.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The course you are playing MUST have adopted this as a local rule.

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rules-modernization/major-changes/golfs-new-rules-stroke-and-distance.html>

## GOLF'S NEW RULES: STROKE AND DISTANCE

A new Local Rule provides an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds, effective 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 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.

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