

Model Local Rule B-3

“If a player does not know whether his or her ball is in the *penalty area* or whether the ball can be played from the penalty area on holes #15 and #18, the player may play a *provisional ball* under Rule 18.3, which is modified in this way:

In playing the *provisional ball*, the player may use the *stroke-and-distance* relief option (see Rule 17.1d(1), the back-on-the-line relief option (see Rule 17.1d(2)), if it is a red *penalty area* (#15 & #18), the lateral relief option (see Rule 17.1d(3)), or played from the dropping zone on hole #15).

Once the player has played a *provisional ball* under this Rule, he or she may not use any further options under Rule 17.1 in relation to the original ball.

In deciding when that *provisional ball* becomes the player’s ball *in play* or if it must or may be abandoned, Rule 18.3c(2) and 18.3c(3) apply except that:

- **When Original Ball Is Found in Penalty Area Within Three-Minute Search Time.**
The player may choose either to:
 - Continue to play the original ball as it lies in the *penalty area*, in which case the *provisional ball* must not be played. All strokes with that *provisional ball* before it was abandoned (including *strokes* made and any penalty strokes solely from playing that ball) do not count, or
 - Continue to play the *provisional ball* in which case the original ball must not be played.
- **When Original Ball Is Not Found Within Three-Minute Search Time or Is Known or Virtually Certain to Be in Penalty Area.** The *provisional ball* becomes the player’s ball *in play*.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: *General Penalty*.”