



## **-foster men's club-**

# **Information for Members**

### **About Us**

The Fosters Men's Club is a member of Washington Golf (WA Golf). Club Officer positions are President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Team Captain and Board of Directors.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this club is to promote the noble game of golf and to encourage friendly relations among its members.

### **The Spirit of the Game**

The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and strict adherence to the rules and guidelines. All players should demonstrate courtesy and sportsmanship at all times.

### **Membership**

The Club Year is the calendar year. All membership renewals and new memberships include one free round of golf if enrolled by January 31<sup>st</sup> (use anytime through-out year. You may also become an Associate Member. Associate Members are those that have paid their USGA handicap memberships through other clubs but wish to become a member at Fosters. Member and Associate Member renewals are due by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> (Associate Members do not receive a free round of golf

### **Club Competitions and Tournaments**

All players must be in good standings with the Foster Men's Club and have paid membership dues to compete. Competitions, tournaments and "Cash Pots" are open to all active members. Eligibility for competition prizes requires a completed round of 18 holes regardless of the competition format.

Weekend competitions and tournaments are typically held on Sunday although some tournaments may be held on multiple days which may not always be on Sunday. Typical formats include:

- Weekend competition. The Competition Committee each year will decide on the various formats to play each Sunday. Weekend competition may be held in addition to tournaments on those weekends where a tournament format allows (See tournament schedule).
- Pro Ams for majors except The Open.
- Two-man best ball with as many teams as desired.
- Tournaments. The Competition Committee each year will decide on the various formats to play.

Eligibility and entry requirements for weekend competitions, Pro Ams, best ball and tournaments are described in the Qualifications and Procedures document. A Weekend Competition and Tournament Schedule provides formats to be held.

In addition to the weekend competition and tournaments the Men's Club typically holds a competition on each Wednesday

and Friday at 9 am. This typically consists of low net score, low putts, KPs, and skins competition. Pairings are typically decided on the day of competition near the practice green so please consider joining in on these informal days as well.

### **Hole-In-One Pot**

Entry into the Hole-In-One Pot must be paid to the Pro Shop. The Hole-in-One Pot is awarded when a hole in one is made while playing in a Men's Club event with at least one other Men's Club member. You must re-enter each time a hole-in-one is made.

### **Closest-To-The-Pin Competition**

Requirements are described in the Qualifications and Procedures documents.

### **Competition Slips/Score Cards**

Upon completion of the round, all competitors must turn in a competition slip/score card that is signed, dated and attested by another member. The player and attesting party are responsible for correct and legible slips/card. A minimum of two players must play together to enter and attest any competition through-out the year. Place competition slips/cards in the competition box near the bulletin board in the Lobby immediately after completion of the round. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

### **Meetings**

The Officers and Board Members usually meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the course clubhouse and occasionally at other locations. Various club business is addressed. Club events and any other pertinent subject matter can be discussed. All club members are encouraged to attend.

### **Club Committees**

The current standing Club Committees are Rules Committee, Handicap Committee and Competition Committee. Other temporary committees may be formed such as Membership, eClubhouse, Maintenance and Food. Committees may change from time to time.

### **Websites**

Links to helpful websites:

Link	Description
<a href="http://www.fostergolflinks.com/-board-info">http://www.fostergolflinks.com/-board-info</a>	Board information and bylaws
<a href="http://www.fostergolflinks.com/-mens-club-tournament-schedule">http://www.fostergolflinks.com/-mens-club-tournament-schedule</a>	Competition & Tournament Schedule (also located at the end of the schedule is a clickable link to the Men's Club packet of information.

## Pace of Play, “Ready Golf” and Course Etiquette Expectations

*This document is provided to describe the Pace of Play, “Ready Golf” expectations of the Foster Men’s Club. The document also provides expectations with respect to course etiquette to provide fair and equitable playing conditions for all.*

### Pace of Play Expectations

Groups are expected to play in less than 4 hours for 18 holes. It is the group’s responsibility, regardless of size, to keep up with the group in front of them. If a group falls behind and is not maintaining pace with the group in front of them they must catch up with the group ahead or allow the group behind to play through.

### “Ready Golf” Expectations

“Ready golf” described herein relates to stroke play competition and not match play. For many years etiquette has required the player furthest from the hole to play first and the lowest score to tee off first. This results in slower play. All groups and players should play “ready golf”. Several major elements are described below to speed up play.

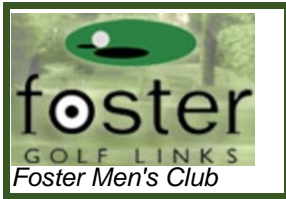
- Play each shot in 15 to 40 seconds.
- Be ready to take your shot or putt as soon as you can even if you are not furthest from the hole. This applies on the putting green as well.
- On the putting green read the break while others are getting ready to putt. Don’t wait until it is your turn to putt.
- The person putting should finish putting once started unless it interferes with other players “lines”. Marking and waiting takes extra time.
- The first two players finishing on the green should go to the next tee and tee off when it is safe to do so. Have at least one spotter to verify where the ball goes. Do so even if you are not the lowest score of the prior hole. The last person(s) to putt should put the flag in or consider leaving the flag in to putt to speed up play.

- Players may move ahead of the furthest player from the green by travelling safely to the sides. Be attentive and stop movement when the player is ready to take a stroke. Players may do this and still be courteous to the player whose turn it is.
- Try to take only one practice swing. If it is not your turn take your practice swing prior to your turn when possible and when not visible to the player ready to take their stroke and it is safe to do so.
- Play occurs with a mixture of carry bags, push carts, and gas powered carts resulting in players arriving at their balls at different times. While it may not be your turn if you can safely play without impeding others then play “ready golf” and take your stroke and then move safely to the side to allow others to take a stroke.
- Record scores on the next tee or as you are playing the next hole.
- Talk and tell stories as you are walking or driving in between shots but not when it is time for a player to take a shot or putt.

### Course Etiquette Expectations

The primary goals are to provide course conditions that provide fair and equal conditions for all competitors.

- Fix your ball mark on the green and at least one other.
- Repair divots on the course.
- Drive carts on the paths near the tees and greens with all four tires remaining on the paths. Do not drive carts past or over markers placed to limit access. There are many soft conditions on the course that can result in damage and ruts.
- Place rakes inside the bunkers with the handle resting on the edge of grass.
- Rake bunkers better than you found them.
- Enter and exit a bunker on the opposite side from the green and on the “low side”.
- Keep push carts, power caddies, and gas powered carts off the tee boxes and away from the greens (at least 30 feet).



# 2023 Competition Schedule

Date	Weekend Competition	Tournaments / Entry Fees	Tournament Format / Remarks	Dates of Interest
1-Jan		<i>Hair of the Dog / \$20 Competition \$10 Green Fee</i>	Cross Country style golf (Deron's fun day)	New Years Day, Jan 1 (Sun)
2-Jan	<i>Medal</i>		Men's Club weekly competition	Jan 2 (Mon)
8-Jan	<i>Skins</i>			
15-Jan	No Competition	<i>Par 3 Tournament / Entry Fee \$25</i>	Individual medal play with course set-up as 18 par 3's	
16-Jan			No Tournament Scheduled, Federal Holiday	MLK Day, Jan 16 (Mon)
22-Jan	<i>Odd Holes</i>			
29-Jan	<i>Points</i>			
5-Feb	<i>Back 9</i>			
12-Feb	No Competition	<i>Super Bowl Modified Scramble / Entry Fee \$60 per Team / Guests Welcome</i>	3-player teams, <i>Member/Guest</i> (See note 7) Two guests max. Every hole is a 3-player scramble	Super Bowl Sunday (Feb 12)
19-Feb	<i>Putts</i>			
20-Feb	No Competition		No Tournament Scheduled, Federal Holiday	Presidents Day, Feb 20 (Mon)
26-Feb	<i>Medal</i>	<i>Two Net of Foursome / Entry Fee \$100 per team (\$25 ea) / Guests Welcome (2 guests max)</i>	Four player teams, play your own ball, max 8-stroke differential, use two best individual net scores per hole	
5-Mar	<i>Front 9</i>	Art Hutchins Match Play Tournament Sign-Up Deadline / \$40 Entry per Team		
12-Mar	<i>Better 9</i>		Two player teams, match play, 1st and 2nd ball. Sixteen teams max	Daylight Saving Begins, Mar 12 (Sun)
19-Mar	No Competition	<i>Member/Guest Triple Six Tournament / \$40 Entry per Team</i>	Triple Six- Scramble-6, Chapman-6, Best Ball- 6. Two player teams, <i>Member/Guest</i> (See note 7)	
26-Mar	<i>Sub Par 3</i>	<i>Ron Hadford Senior Tournament / \$30 Entry, Top two winners only/ gross/net advance to match play</i>	18 holes individual medal play 1st week, top two players gross/net advance to 18 hole match play	
2-Apr	<i>Skins</i>	<i>Ron Hadford Senior Tournament Match Play (top two gross/net only from week 1). Must complete matches by Apr 30th</i>	18 hole match play to determine winners. Matches must be played by April 30th or player forfeits	
9-Apr	<i>Even Holes</i>		<i>April 9th The Masters Pro Am / \$5 Entry</i>	Easter, Apr 9 (Sun)
16-Apr	<i>Front 9</i>			
23-Apr	<i>Points</i>			
30-Apr	<i>Back 9</i>	<i>Joe Aliment Tournament / \$40 Entry, 1st Round</i>	36 holes individual medal play	
7-May	<i>Medal</i>	<i>Joe Aliment Tournament, 2nd Round, Optional \$10 Deuce Pot / gross score</i>	36 holes individual medal play	
14-May	<i>Better 9</i>	Club Championship Match Play Tournament Sign-up / \$40 Entry	Club Championship match play Sign-ups begin 5/14 and end 5/28. Individual match play, No handicaps, Drawing to be held to determine matches. Dates TBD for each round	Mothers Day, May 14 (Sun)
19-May	No Competition	<i>Foster Horse Race / Entry Fee TBD</i>	Friday at 5:30 pm	
21-May	<i>Points</i>	<i>Spring Field Day Tournament / \$30 Entry</i>	Individual - Net, better 9, putts, skins. <i>May 21st PGA Championship Pro Am/ \$5 Entry</i>	
28-May	<i>Skins</i>			
29-May	No Competition		No Tournament Scheduled, Federal Holiday	Memorial Day, May 29 (Mon)
4-Jun	<i>Putts</i>			
11-Jun	<i>Odd Holes</i>	<i>Foster Championship Tournament / \$40 Entry, 1st Round</i>	36 holes individual medal play	



# 2023 Competition Schedule

Date	Weekend Competition	Tournaments / Entry Fees	Tournament Format / Remarks	Dates of Interest
18-Jun	Front 9	<b>Foster Championship Tournament, 2nd Round, Optional \$10 Deuce Pot / gross score</b>	36 Holes individual medal play. <b>June 18th U.S. Open Pro Am / \$5 Entry</b>	Fathers Day, June 18 (Sun)
25-Jun	Points			
2-Jul	Back 9			
4-Jul	No Competition		No Tournament Scheduled, Federal Holiday	Independence Day, July 4 (Tue)
9-Jul	Medal			
16-Jul	Better 9	<b>Bill Smith Tournament / \$25 Entry</b>	18 holes individual medal play	
23-Jul	Putts			
30-Jul	No Competition	<b>Three Club Tournament / \$25 Entry</b>		
6-Aug	Skins			
13-Aug	Odd Holes	<b>George Eddy Tournament / \$40 Entry, 1st Round</b>	36 Holes individual medal play	
20-Aug	Front 9	<b>George Eddy Tournament, 2nd Round, Optional \$10 Deuce Pot / gross score</b>	36 Holes individual medal play	
27-Aug	Points		<b>August 27th TOUR Championship Pro Am / \$5 Entry</b>	
3-Sep	Back 9			
4-Sep	No Competition		No Tournament Scheduled, Federal Holiday	Labor Day, Sept 4 (Mon)
8-Sep		Swanee Open Calcutta (Party/ Bid on Players)	Special Event- Player Auction/Party Beer, wine and snacks provided, Location/Format TBD	
10-Sep	No Competition	<b>Swanee Open Tournament / \$40 Entry</b>	18 holes, individual gross, net, better 9, putts, skins	
17-Sep	Medal			
24-Sep	Even Holes			
1-Oct	Putts	<b>Tombstone Tournament / \$25 Entry</b>	Plant your flag format / Individual	
8-Oct	Front 9			
15-Oct	Points			
22-Oct	Skins	<b>Winter Memorial Tournament / \$40 Entry, 1st Round</b>	36 Holes individual medal play	
29-Oct	Medal	<b>Winter Memorial Tournament, 2nd Round, Optional \$10 Deuce Pot / gross score</b>	36 Holes individual medal play	
5-Nov	Odd Holes			Daylight Saving Ends, Nov 5 (Sun)
11-Nov	No Competition	Veterans Play Free !!	No Tournament Scheduled, Federal Holiday	Veterans Day, Nov 11 (Sat)
12-Nov		<b>Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot / \$0 Entry</b>	Individual- Gross skins 1st division, net skins all other divisions	
19-Nov	Even Holes			
23-Nov	No Competition		No Tournament Scheduled, Federal Holiday	Thanksgiving, Nov 23 (Thu)
26-Nov	Points	<b>Skins Pot Tournament / \$25 Entry</b>		
3-Dec	Back 9			
10-Dec	Sub Par 3			
17-Dec	Better 9	<b>Christmas Turkey Shoot / \$0 Entry</b>	Individual- Gross skins 1st division, net skins all other divisions	
24-Dec	Medal			Christmas Eve, Dec 24 (Sun)
25-Dec	No Competition	Christmas Holiday	No Tournament Scheduled, Federal Holiday	Christmas, Dec 25 (Mon)
31-Dec	Putts			New Years Eve, Dec 31 (Sun)



# 2023 Competition Schedule

Date	Weekend Competition	Tournaments / Entry Fees	Tournament Format / Remarks	Dates of Interest
------	---------------------	--------------------------	-----------------------------	-------------------

- Note:
1. On some Federal holidays there may be additional Men's Club events that the Pro Shop will set up. Entry fee tournament sign-up requirements and deadlines for sign-up will be provided by the Foster Golf Pro Shop.
  2. On some weekends both a "Weekend Competition" and a "Tournament" will be held as described above.
  3. **Weekend Competition**- Entry fee is \$10 each weekend a competition is scheduled. Entry must be paid in the Pro Shop by placing your entry fee in provided envelopes, signing your name legibly, and placing in the box provided in the Pro Shop on the day of and prior to the start of competition.
  4. **Tournaments**- Entry requirements are shown above and must be paid by Friday prior to tournament. Late entry may still be accepted after this time in the Pro Shop but fees will be increased by \$5/player. **Note that this entry is separate from the Weekend Competition fee .**
  5. **Best Ball**- Players may also sign up for 2-man best ball competition each week in the Pro Shop and enter on as many teams as desired. A \$5 entry for each team will be collected by the Pro Shop. Competition is subject to a 8 stroke max. differential. This fee is separate from the Weekend Competition and Tournament fees.
  6. **ProAms**- Players team with a PGA pro on major championships described above. \$5 entry at clubhouse on those PGA events shown above. This fee is separate from the Weekend Competition and Tournament fees.
  7. On Tournaments where Guests are allowed they must have a current GHIN number.
  8. Some Tournament dates may need to be adjusted due to match play requirements or punching of greens.

## Qualifications and Procedures for Club Competitions and Tournaments

### Men's Club Competitions and Tournaments:

- All players must be members in good standing with the Foster Men's Club.
- All Club Competitions and "Cash Pots" are open to all active members with "Amateur Status". Members without Amateur Status are only allowed to participate in "Handicap" Competitions which excludes the Club Champions "Championship Flight" and "KP" and "Hole-In One" cash pots. The Competition Committee has the authority to grant exceptions to any member whose status is in question, subject to Board approval.
- Eligibility for all competitions requires a consecutive round of 18 holes. Failure to complete all 18 holes will disqualify you from the competition regardless of the competition format. Upon completion of their round, competitors must turn in a competition slip that is signed, dated and attested by another member.
- The player and the attesting party are responsible for a correct and legible competition slip. Failure to comply may result in disqualification of the player.
- Sunday competition will play hole #17 as a par 4 from the black tee (Located on the #11 teeing area).
- All stroke play competition, closest to pin and hole in one honey pots will require a marker.
- New members with a GHIN handicap will be eligible for "weekend competition" and tournament formats upon payment of dues. New member eligibility to play in the Swanee Open (Calcutta) and the Club Championship requires a minimum of 5 rounds played in Men's club events during weekend/weekday competitions.
- New members without a GHIN handicap are not eligible for competition but will be considered a playing member.
- Score cards and competition slips must be completed, signed and turned in immediately after the round. If a player fails to post an acceptable score as soon as practicable after completion of the round, the Competition Committee will review to determine if disqualification of the player is warranted.

### Sunday Competition: \$10.00 entry fee for weekend competition and KP on holes #5, #9, #11, and #16.

- Competitors must tee off before 10:00 AM and have at least 2 club members.
- Start the round of golf at the hole so instructed to begin by the Pro Shop or the Competition Committee.
- Play the holes consecutively until the round is complete.
- If the round is not completed for any reason, the player is not eligible to win the KP's of any of the holes that they entered and there will be no refunds unless the Competition Committee determines otherwise.
- The measurement of the KP's is taken using the

measuring device provided for that hole from the closest edge of the inside of the cup, on a direct line, to the front edge of the golf ball. The measurement shall be made by the fellow competitors and verified by the competitor whose ball is closest to the hole.

- The competitors name and the distance must be recorded on the "Closest-To-The-Hole" marker by a fellow competitor in order to be eligible for KP honey pot money. The competitor whose ball is closest to the hole must verify and initial the measurement recorded by the marker in order to minimize disputes.
- All measurements and recording of the information must be completed before play begins on the next hole.
- If there is no winner for any one of the holes, the money for that hole will be awarded the following weekend.
- Competition slips must be turned in with the hole-by-hole gross score and attested by a fellow competitor.

### Sunday Two Man Best Ball: \$5:00 per team

- Maximum 8 stroke differential, multiple entries are allowed. Signup at the Pro Shop when paying for green fees.

### Weekend Competition (Only if not in \$10 Pot with KP's) \$2.00 entry fee

- Weekend competition formats and dates will be posted on the Tournament Schedule (also available on the Foster Golf Links website and on the bulletin board posted at the Clubhouse).
- Entry fee will be paid in-person at the Pro Shop. Place the entry fee in an envelope marked with your name and drop in the white competition box.

### Hole-in-One Pot: \$5.00 entry fee

- Must be an active member and record a Hole-In-One any time during an 18-hole round with another active club member and must also be during a Men's Club event only.
- The club will post a notice and notify members via eClubhouse™ when a hole-in one is made.
- Entry fee must be paid each time a hole-in-one is made (It will be up to the individual to maintain a current entry).

### Tournaments: Entry fee as determined on Schedule

- Tournament formats, dates and entry fees will be posted on the Tournament Schedule (on bulletin board and Foster Golf Links website under Men's Club information).
- Registration online at the Foster Golf website, at the Proshop or call by Friday prior to event or a \$5 late fee will be assessed. Tournament entries must be completed by the entry deadline established.



## **-foster men's club-**

### **Local Rules**

*Play will be governed by current USGA rules as modified*

Beginning January 1, 2019 the rules of golf have changed resulting in some changes to the definitions and some required changes to the Foster Golf Course Local Rules. Competitors should become familiar with the new definitions. Several but not all of the changes are described in these local rules.

#### **Definitions**

"General Area" is intended to convey that it covers the entire area of the course with the exception of four specific areas (tee area, penalty areas, bunkers and putting green). The term "Through-the-Green" is no longer used.

"Penalty Area" is a revised term to reflect the expanded authority to be given to Competition Committees to mark additional types of areas (not containing water) to have the same status as water hazards that are now defined as Yellow Penalty Areas and Red Penalty Areas.

**"Preferred Lies" also sometimes known as "Winter Rules" apply when the course is not posted as "Summer Rules"**

*This rule does not apply when a ball lies within 36 inches of a tree trunk, boundary stake or fence.*

Through-out the General Area, except as modified above, the player may mark, lift and clean his ball without penalty. The player must then place the ball on a spot within six inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a penalty area, bunker or on a putting green. A player may place his ball only once, and the ball is in-play once placed and marker removed. *If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.*

**Abnormal Course Conditions. Apply Rule 16.1 with the following amendment**

Bare areas or areas with sparse grass through-out the General Area, whether marked or not, may be played as "ground under repair". Free relief may be taken within 1 club length of the Reference Point except when a ball lies within 36 inches of a tree trunk boundary stake or fence. Additionally, any wheel ruts that effect your stance or swing should be played as abnormal course condition using Rule 16.1 and as described above.

#### **Ball Embedded or Lost in Leaves**

If it is known or virtually certain that a ball is lost in an accumulation of leaves or embedded in the General Area, relief is allowed. The player may drop a ball without penalty within one club length of the reference point so determined no closer to the hole. In the absence of such knowledge or certainty, the player must proceed under Rule 18 or under the newly adopted Local Rule (MLR E-5) for a ball lost or out-of-bounds where allowed. *Note: Free relief may not be taken when a ball is hit into trees and no one observes the*

*ball dropping to the ground. In this instance stroke and distance with one penalty stroke must be taken instead.*

#### **The Putting Green**

The putting green is defined by the Committee as all ground of the hole being played which is specifically prepared for putting even if it wasn't mowed by the most recent pass with the mower. This includes that ground which is specially prepared and can be clearly distinguished from the apron. *If a putting green has abnormal ground conditions proceed under Rule 16.1d taking the nearest point of relief no closer to the hole. Note that the nearest point of relief may be off the putting green and in the general area.* No Penalty.

#### **Obstructions**

Stakes and ropes near all cart paths placed to prevent cart traffic will be played as movable obstructions.

Treat all flower beds, fences, sheds, water fountains, asphalt, and dirt paths, and protective fences as immovable obstructions. Relief as allowed by Rule 15 or 16.

*Trees between 7th green and 8th tee are a "protective fence", therefore an immovable obstruction. When playing Hole number 7 take relief from the "protective fence" by using the drop area provided (between obstruction and cart path on the side toward the fairway of hole #10). The drop area is defined by a metal plate. Drop within one club length of this reference point no closer to hole. No Penalty. When playing all other holes, where the "protective fence" trees between 7th green and 8th green effect stance or swing, use Rule 16 for free relief (not the drop zone). Lift the ball and drop within one club-length of the reference point and not nearer the hole. Should this result in the ball in-play on another immovable obstruction (asphalt path) then relief may then be taken from the path in accordance with Rule 16.1 using similar procedures. No Penalty.*

#### **Holes 11 and 16**

Normally a provisional ball is not allowed when a player is unsure if the ball is or is not in a red or yellow penalty area. The Men's Club has adopted a local rule allowing a provisional ball to be played only on Holes 11 and 16 to speed up play. However, if you search and find your ball in the red penalty area the provisional ball may not be used. Your options are then to 1) take an unplayable lie in the Red Penalty area (1 stroke penalty); 2) play the ball as it lies; or 3) go back to the last shot location using a stroke and distance penalty.

## **LOCAL RULE- ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE RELIEF FOR LOST OR OUT OF BOUNDS BALL**

***NOTE: This Local Rule may be used in all Foster Men's Club competitions and tournaments with the exception of the Club Championship, Match Play, and Swanee Open (Calcutta).***

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.

For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

Two Estimated Reference Points (See attached diagrams for illustration of reference points and relief area):

**Ball Reference Point A:** The point where the original ball is estimated to have:

- Come to rest on the course, or
- Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.

**Fairway Reference Point B:** The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the General Area that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between:

- A line from the hole through the ball reference point A (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point B (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line).

But with these limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must be in the General Area, and
- Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

**But the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:**

- That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a Penalty Area, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3).

A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.



**STROKE +2 PENALTY**

**A** Ball reference point  
**B** Fairway reference point  
**C** Relief area

Reference Points	Size of Relief Area	Limits on Relief Area
<p><b>A. Ball Reference Point:</b> The point where the original ball is estimated to have come to rest on the course (point A)</p> <p><b>B. Fairway Reference Point:</b> The point of fairway of the hole being played (point B) that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point</p>	<p>Anywhere between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A line from the hole through the ball reference point (point A) (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and</li> <li>• A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (point B) (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line)</li> </ul>	<p>The relief area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point, and</li> <li>• Must be in the general area</li> </ul>

As the relief area is likely to be very large, the ball could roll a considerable distance from the spot where it first strikes the ground and not need to be dropped again.

**A** Ball reference point  
**B** Fairway reference point  
 Relief area

STROKE PENALTY +2

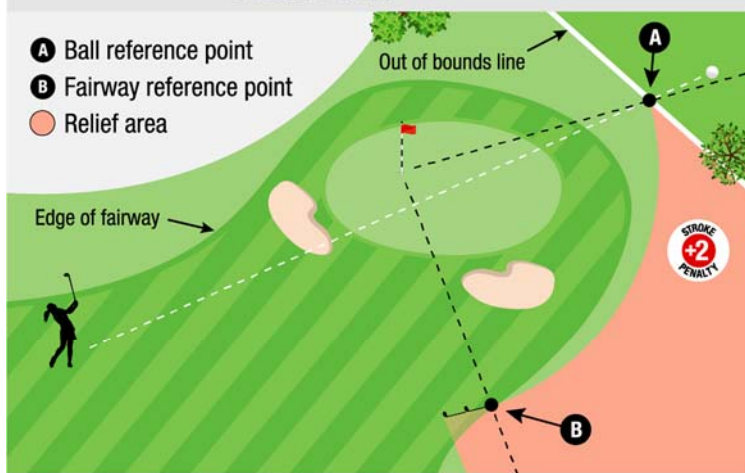
Out of bounds

Reference Point	Size of Relief Area	Limits on Relief Area
<p><b>A. Ball Reference Point:</b> The point where the original ball is estimated to have last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds (point A)</p> <p><b>B. Fairway Reference Point:</b> The point of fairway of the hole being played (point B) that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point</p>	<p>Anywhere between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A line from the hole through the ball reference point (point A) (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line but still on the course), and</li> <li>• A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (point B) (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line)</li> </ul>	<p>The relief area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point, and</li> <li>• Must be in the general area</li> </ul>

As the relief area is likely to be very large, the ball could roll a considerable distance from the spot where it first strikes the ground and not need to be dropped again.

*Figure Reference: Model Local Rule E-5, USGA, 2019.*

**MLR E-5 DIAGRAM 3: BALL NOT FOUND OR OUT OF BOUNDS CLOSE TO GREEN**



When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may take stroke-and-distance relief, or when Model Local Rule E-5 is introduced, the player has the additional option to drop a ball in and play from the relief area described below for two penalty strokes:

Reference Points	Size of Relief Area	Limits on Relief Area
<p><b>A. Ball Reference Point:</b> The point where the original ball is estimated to have come to rest on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds (point A)</p>	<p>Anywhere between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A line from the hole through the ball reference point (point A) (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and</li> <li>• A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (point B) (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line)</li> </ul>	<p>The relief area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point, and</li> <li>• Must be in the general area</li> </ul>
<p><b>B. Fairway Reference Point:</b> The point of fairway of the hole being played (point B) that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point</p>		

**Player Notes:**  
As the relief area is likely to be very large, the ball could roll a considerable distance from the spot where it first strikes the ground and not need to be dropped again.

*Figure Reference: Model Local Rule E-5, USGA, 2019.*