

**USGA rules apply - play the course as you find it and play your ball as it lies. The Saxony Golf Club local rules are organized in the following categories:**

- A. Out of Bounds (OB)
- B. Penalty Areas
- C. Alternative to Stroke and Distance – Ball OB
- D. Alternative to Stroke and Distance – Lost Ball
- E. Abnormal Course Conditions
- F. Pace of Play Policy
- G. Player Advisory Notes

### **A. OUT OF BOUNDS (OB)**

A ball coming to rest beyond the boundary edges of the following holes are OB. Proceed under alternative to stroke and distance rule. When a penalty area is marked by both stakes and a line, the line has preference,

**Hole #1** - parking lot, maintenance area, left of the cart path when facing the green (cart path is in play), fence to 2<sup>nd</sup> hole teeing area

**Hole #2** – the fence along the left side and the maintenance area past the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee

**Hole #4 (old green)** – fence along the left side

**Hole #5** – left side past the fence/wall by the road, wooded area to the top of the hill, fence to stone wall, stone wall near the green

**Hole #18** – inside edge of bridle path along the left side up to the green;

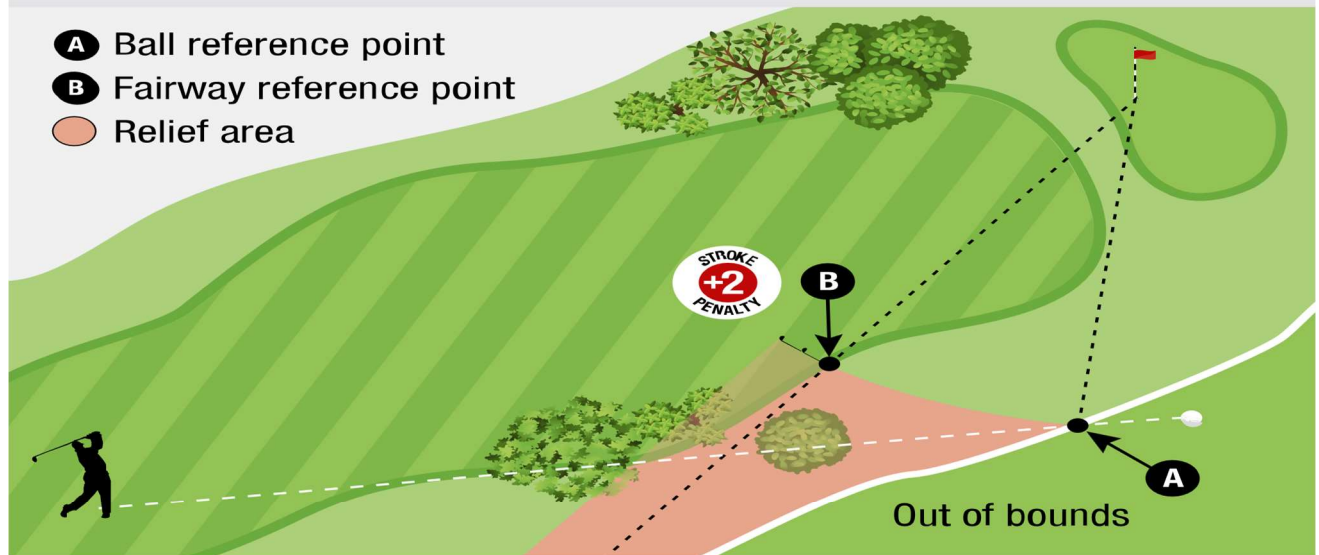
### **B. PENALTY AREAS**

For all other holes excluding the OB holes mentioned above, consider it a penalty area if the ball comes to rest in a water hazard or marked areas with red and yellow stakes. See USGA Rule 17.1d for relief options in penalty areas – a one stroke penalty applies.

**C. ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE RULE FOR BALL OB**

When a provisional ball has not been played, Model Local Rule (MLR) E-5 is to allow an extra relief option that permits a player to play on without returning to the location of the previous stroke.

**MLR E-5 DIAGRAM 2: BALL OUT OF BOUNDS**



When a player's ball 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 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>

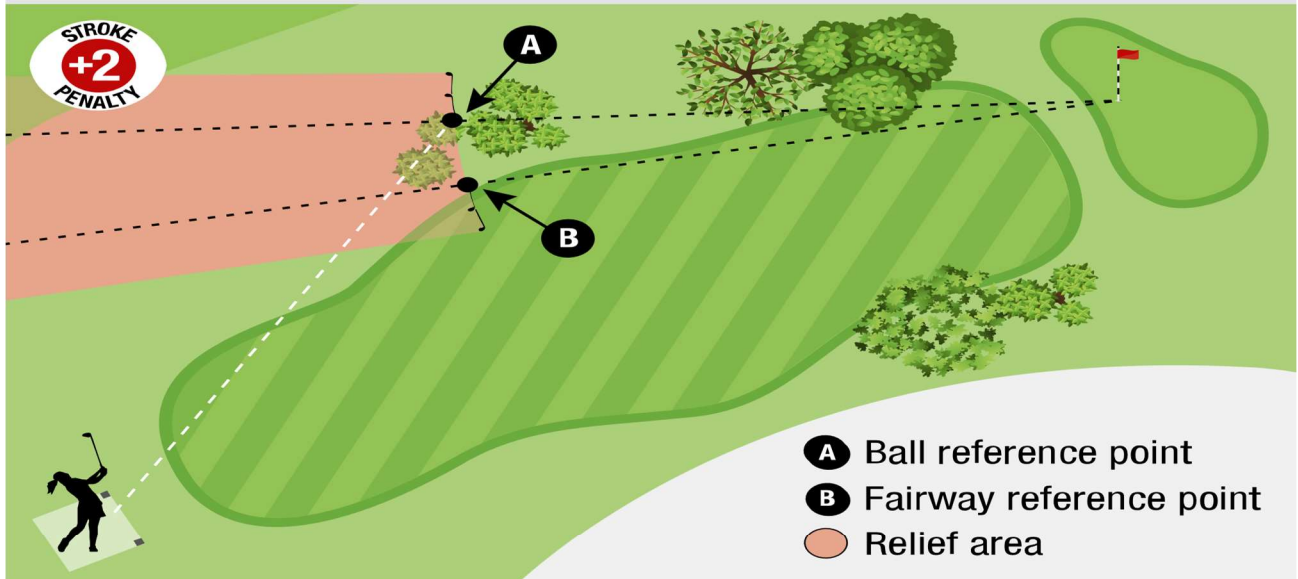
**Player Notes:**

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.

## D. ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE FOR LOST BALL

When a provisional ball has not been played, Model Local Rule (MLR) E-5 is to allow an extra relief option that permits a player to play on without returning to the location of the previous stroke.

**MLR E-5 DIAGRAM 1: BALL NOT FOUND**



When a player's ball has not been found, 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 (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>

**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.

## **E. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS**

### **Bridges over Penalty Areas – Holes #3, #11, #13, #14, #16**

All walkways or bridges over hazards not covered by grass are considered part of the hazard whether or not they are marked as such.

### **Cleaning the Ball**

A ball lying in the “General Area” (that is, the area previously known as “through the green”) may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within six inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on the putting green. A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed and Rule 14 applies.

### **Embedded Ball**

Rule 16.3 allows relief for a ball embedded anywhere in the “General Area”, except when embedded in sand. The cleaned ball must be dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole.

### **Fence on Hole #5**

The poles inside the high fence are considered the boundary line and thus the fence itself is not OB. A ball that comes to rest from the cart path to the base of the fence may take relief without penalty. A player may drop the original ball as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer to the hole.

### **French Drains – Hole #3 and # 11**

All French drains are immovable obstructions under Rule 24-2 and relief is allowed in both fairway and rough for interference with both lie and/or stance The ball may be dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole without penalty.

### **Immovable Obstructions - Holes #5, #12, #14, #18**

Electrical/Sprinkler boxes, fence protecting 15<sup>th</sup> tee box and cart barn - relief for interference with stance or swing but not for line of sight.

### **Loose Impediments – Bunkers and Penalty Areas**

Stones in the bunkers and loose impediments in Penalty areas are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies). Please note that this rule DOES NOT grant a player the right to intentionally touch or move his ball. However, if the ball is **INADVERTENTLY moved by the act of removing the loose impediment/stone, the ball shall be replaced, and there is**

no penalty provided the movement of the ball is directly attributable to the removal of the stone.

### **No Play Zone – Hole #13, #14**

Environmentally sensitive area in front of the #14 tee is a penalty area.

**Preferred Lies are in effect only if course conditions dictate as determined by the “committee”.** When a player’s ball lies in a part of the “General Area” cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area. Relief area is 6 inches and must be in the general area but not nearer the hole

### **Protruding “Small” Rocks and Roots**

Exposed small rocks (and not boulders) and roots (and not trees) in the general area, whether marked with white circles or not, are “Ground Under Repair” and Rule 25-1 applies. Relief is provided by a free lift and a drop within one club-length of where the ball originally lay, not nearer the hole. **This rule does not apply to the “big” rocks on Holes #2, #3, #4, #5, #7, #8, #12, and #15.**

### **Unraked Bunkers**

Treat disturbed or unraked areas in the bunker as ground under repair. The player may lift the ball, rake the area and place the ball back in the bunker as near to its original spot but not closer to the hole.

## **F. PACE OF PLAY POLICY**

Ready golf as outlined in Rule 6.4 and to maintain a prompt pace of play as required by Rule 5.6. “Keep up with the group in front of you and not with the one behind you.”

### **Out of Position**

If a group exceeds the prescribed time limit and is out of position on the course, each player in the group is subject to penalty. A group is out of position when it is over the allocated time for the holes that have been played and not in position with the previous group.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule - to be determined by the “committee”.**

## **G. PLAYER ADVISORY NOTES**

### **Distance Measuring Devices**

A player may use a distance measuring device to obtain distance information only. A player may not use a distance measuring device to provide him with information on other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., slope, gradient or wind).

## The Saxony Golf Club Local Rules 2023

### **Expected Standards of Conduct**

- Rule 1.2a declares that players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by acting with integrity, showing consideration to others and taking good care of the course.
- It unequivocally states the Committee has the authority to disqualify a player for any serious misconduct that is contrary to the spirit of the game.
- Any member replying all to an email that does not require a reply all response will have their Playing Handicap reduced by 4 strokes for their next club competition

**Replace Divots, repair pitch marks and rake sand traps**