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Tee Box area Rule 6:

Ball must be played within the teeing area. If there is only one tee marker your safe measurement markers are: two club lengths in width and two club lengths back.

1. If you strike your ball outside that area in Stroke play, it is a General penalty (Two strokes).
2. In match play, there is no penalty. Your opponent determines if your ball is in play or you must play another ball within the teeing area.
3. If you tee off from the wrong tee box it is a two stroke penalty. If you don't correct your mistake before making a stroke to begin another hole, the player is disqualified.
4. Yes, Your feet can be outside the teeing area

Out of Bounds Rule 18:

1. The ball is lost if not found within three minutes
2. A ball is out of bounds when it rests outside the boundary lines of the course.
3. A ball is IN Bounds when any part of the ball lies or touches the boundary line of the course.

Options

1. Play the original ball or another ball from the original position Back from where you hit. This is a stroke and distance penalty. Example: Tee box hit (1 stroke), lost ball back to tee box (Distance 2nd stroke penalty) tee shot (3rd stroke). Now sitting 3.
2. Another option is to hit a provisional ball thinking it may be out of Bounds or lost and must clearly state: "This is a provisional ball" before you hit your second ball. If you don't declare it as a provisional and then find out your first ball is actually in play you cannot play your original ball, you must play the second ball and take your stroke and distance penalty.

Immovable Obstructions Rule 16:

Free Relief is allowed when the player's ball is in or on abnormal course conditions such as

- A).** metal chainlink fence surrounding the electrical box (West 4th hole)
- B).** Cart path
- C).** Sprinklers
- D).** The wash North 1,5,6,7

How to:

A): Metal Fence - Follow point of entry back to the nearest point of relief. Mark the spot and take one club length relief

B). Cart Path Ball lies on the left side of centre of cart path - Right handed player: must take relief on the left side of pathway. Mark the nearest point of relief and then take one club length relief. If you are left handed the nearest point of relief will be on the right side of the pathway, take your stance, mark your club head spot then take your one club length relief.

C). Sprinklers - North 1: Nearest point of relief mark your spot and take one club length relief

D). Wash - North 1, 5,6,7: Abnormal condition Free relief. Spot marker is on the crest of the slope for nearest point of relief. Mark the spot and take one club length relief (No closer to the hole)

Sand Bunker Issues Rule 12:

Before playing a ball in a bunker, a player may remove loose impediments, if the ball moves there is no stroke penalty in a bunker. Just place the ball back to it's original position (Rule 15.1)

- If the ball is unplayable the player can take a one penalty stroke under rule 19.3 and either moves the ball back on-the-line or take a lateral relief. The ball must be played within the bunker for a one penalty stroke.
- For two penalty strokes, the player may take back-on-the-line relief outside the bunker.

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- There is no penalty to take relief from a ball that lies in a puddle of water. Nearest point of relief applies.
- You can take other equipment into the bunker, however, you cannot take a practise swing touching the sand. The player gets a general penalty (Two Strokes),
- You can lean on a club to rest, stay balanced or prevent a fall no penalty stroke.

Water Hazard Lateral Relief Rule 17

Red staked area relief options:

- Drop another ball from where the ball was previously played. Stroke and distance penalty.
- Draw a line between the hole, the spot where the ball entered the hazard, and the flag. One penalty stroke.
- Take a lateral relief from point of entry. Mark the spot and the ball must be dropped in and played from the two club-length relief area, no closer to the hole.

Yellow Hazard Relief Options:

Same options as Red Stakes, except no lateral relief allowed (two club lengths from point of entry)

Putting Green Rule 13

- Mark, lift, clean, and place. If the ball is then placed and marker lifted, and then you decide to adjust the ball it is a one penalty stroke. The last thing you want to do is lift your marker. Once the marker is lifted the ball is in play. You could mark the ball again and make your adjustments without a one penalty stroke.
- If the player's ball is in motion, hits another ball at rest on the putting green, the player gets a two stroke penalty (general penalty).
- If a player's ball accidentally hits a person or equipment there is no penalty. A one club length free relief is allowed or the player can play it where it lies.