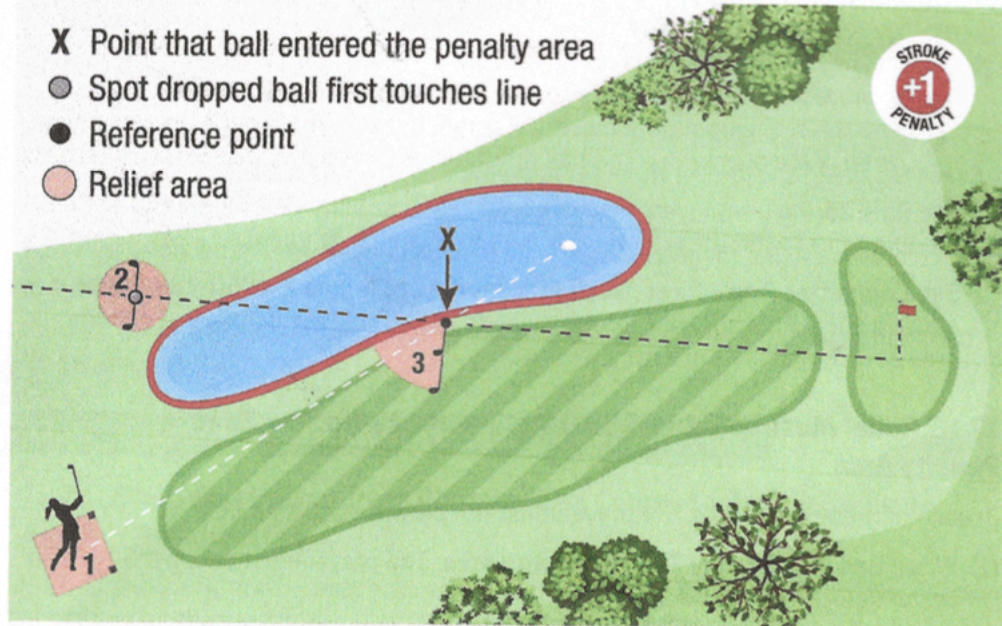


**DIAGRAM #2 17.1d: RELIEF FOR BALL IN RED PENALTY AREA**


- X Point that ball entered the penalty area
- Spot dropped ball first touches line
- Reference point
- Relief area

When it is known or virtually certain that a ball is in a red penalty area and the player wishes to take relief, the player has **three** options, each for one penalty stroke. The player may:

- (1) Take stroke-and-distance relief by playing a ball from a relief area based on where the previous stroke was made.
- (2) Take back-on-the-line relief by dropping a ball outside the penalty area, keeping point X between the hole and the spot where the ball is dropped.
- (3) Take lateral relief (red penalty area only). The reference point for taking relief is point X, and a ball must be dropped in and played from the two club-length relief area, which is no nearer the hole than point X.

**(3) Lateral Relief (Only for Red Penalty Area).** When the ball last crossed the edge of a red *penalty area*, the player may *drop* the original ball or another ball in this lateral *relief area* (see Rule 14.3):

- **Reference Point:** The estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the red *penalty area*.
- **Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point:** Two *club-lengths*, **but** with these limits: