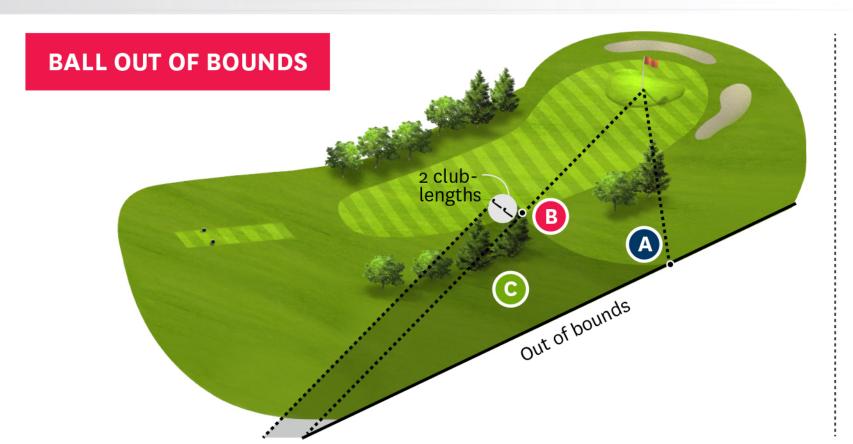
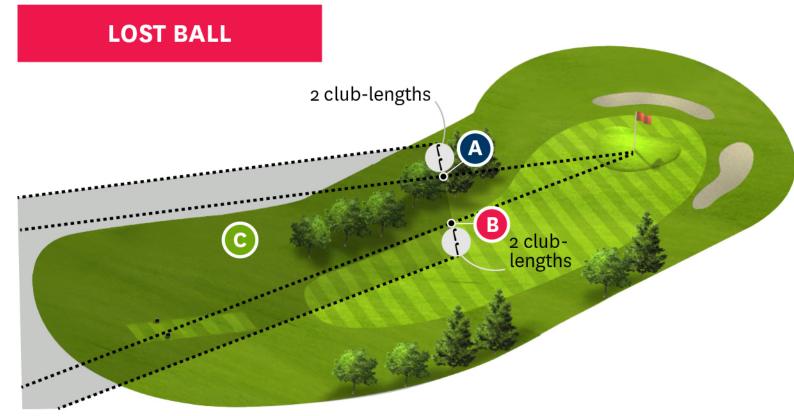
GOLF'S NEW RULES: STROKE AND DISTANCE

A new Local Rule provides an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds, effective January 1, 2019.





If the Local Rule is in effect, you can still take stroke-and-distance relief, but you now have the following additional option that comes with a penalty of two strokes:

A DETERMINE SPOT
where your ball went
out of bounds (left
diagram) or is
likely to be lost
(right diagram).

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FIND NEAREST
FAIRWAY EDGE
no closer to
the hole.

DROP YOUR BALL IN SHADED
AREA as defined on one side by
a line from the hole through point
A and on the other side by a line
from the hole through point B,
and not nearer the hole. The relief
area is extended on both sides
by two club-lengths.

This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.

