

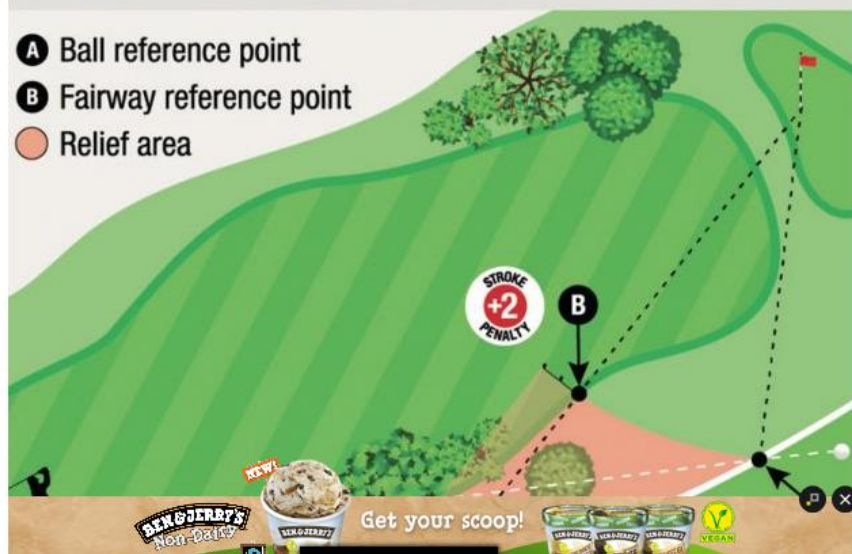
Balls Lost or Out of Bounds: Alternative to Stroke and Distance:

A new Local Rule will now be available in January 2019, permitting committees to allow golfers the option to drop the ball in the vicinity of where the ball is lost or out of bounds (including the nearest fairway area), Under a two-stroke penalty.

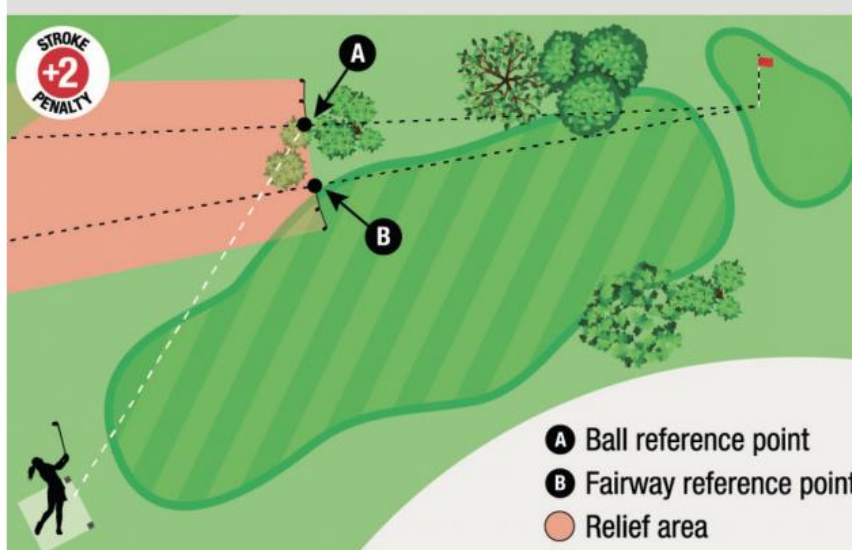
It addresses concerns raised at the club level about the negative impact on pace of play when a player is required to go back under stroke and distance. The Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite level competitions. (*Key change: this is a new addition to support pace of play*)

Here's an explainer on the Local Rules changes that have come into play for 2019...

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



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



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If it were your tee shot that went out of bounds, you would be playing four from there, just as you would if you had hit your provisional ball to the same spot.