



TRAINING & EDUCATION

RULES OF GOLF 2019

Club Workshop

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Welcome



ENGLANDGOLF

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New Terminology

OLD

Through the Green

Teeing Ground

Water/ Lateral Hazard

Wrong Putting Green

Outside Agency

Abnormal Ground Condition

Casual Water

Play Prohibited, ESA

Nearest Point of Relief

NEW

General Area

Teeing Area

Yellow/ Red Penalty Area

Wrong Green

Outside Influence

Abnormal Course Condition

Temporary Water

No Play Zone

Nearest Point of Complete Relief



New Principles

Dropping Procedure

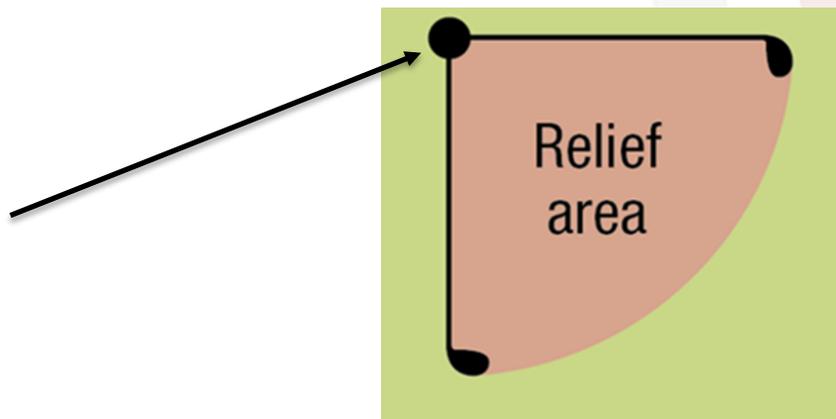
Reference Point

- The point from which the size of relief area is measured.

Relief Area

- The area where a player must drop a ball when taking relief under a Rule.

Reference
Point
(tee peg, coin
etc)



New Principles

Dropping Procedure

Club Length

- Defined as the length of the longest club the player has during the round, other than the putter.
- Used to define the player's teeing area on each hole and in determining the size of the player's relief area when taking relief under a rule.
- Whilst other clubs (other than the putter) can be used we recommend using the longest club at all times.



New Principles

Dropping Procedure

Knee Height

- Must be dropped from knee height.
- Must be dropped straight down without touching player or equipment before hitting ground.
- Must be dropped in Relief Area.

Note: 'Knee height' means the height of a players knee when in a standing position.



New Principles

Ball searching

- Time for ball search reduced to 3 minutes.
- No penalty if a player causes the ball to be moved during search. The ball will always be replaced, even if its original spot is not known.
- Not longer required to announce intention to lift a ball for identification purposes



New Principles

Substituted Ball

- Whenever taking relief, a player may use either the original ball or another ball.

Striking the Ball more than once/ Accidental deflections

- Count the stroke and there is no penalty.

Damaged Clubs

No matter what the nature or cause of the damage:

- club treated as conforming for the rest of the round
- player may continue with the damaged club, or
- have the club repaired



New Principles

Reasonable Judgement in Estimating & Measuring is Accepted

- Even if video evidence shows error.

Distance Measuring Devices

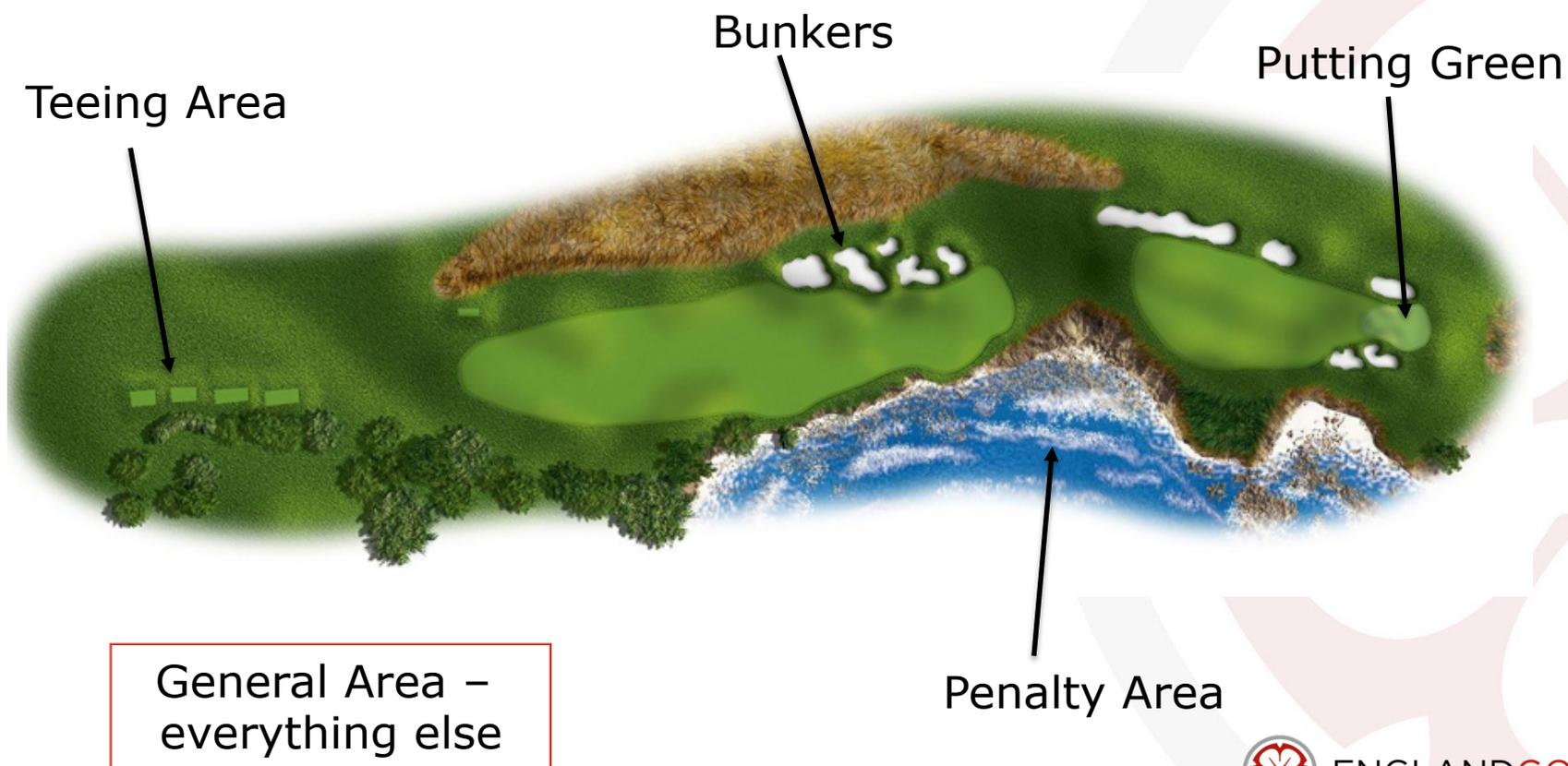
- Now permitted within the rules.

Caddie assistance

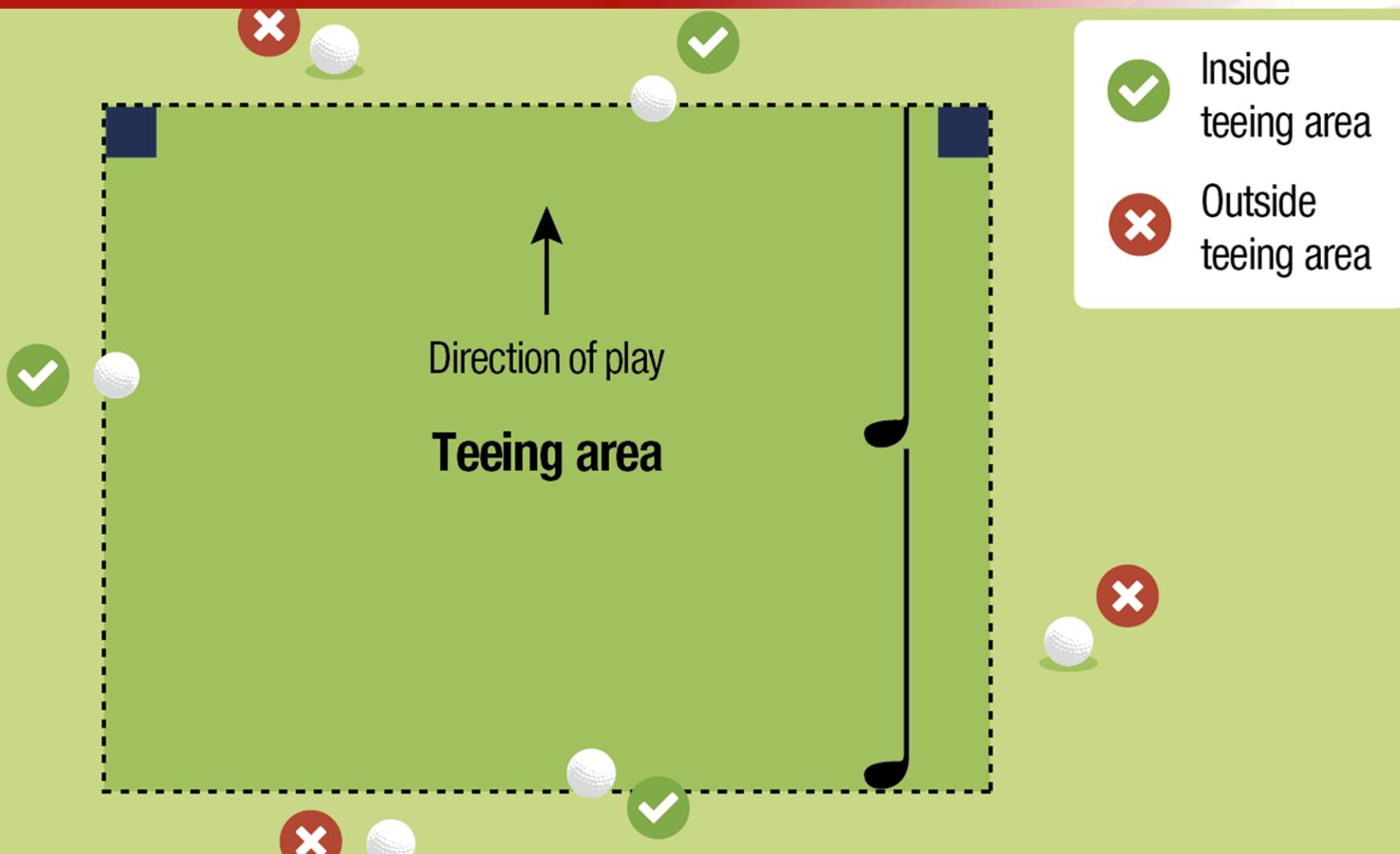
- Not permitted to assist in alignment. Penalty if still behind player when player takes stance.



Areas of the Course



Areas of the Course – Teeing Area



Areas of the Course – General Area

The area of the course that covers all of the course except for the four other defined areas:

1. The teeing area
2. All penalty areas
3. All bunkers
4. The putting green of the hole being played

The general area includes:

- All teeing locations on the course other than the teeing area, and
- All wrong greens



Areas of the Course – General Area



Ball is embedded

Part of the ball (embedded in its own pitch-mark) is below the level of the ground.

← **Level of Ground**



Ball is embedded

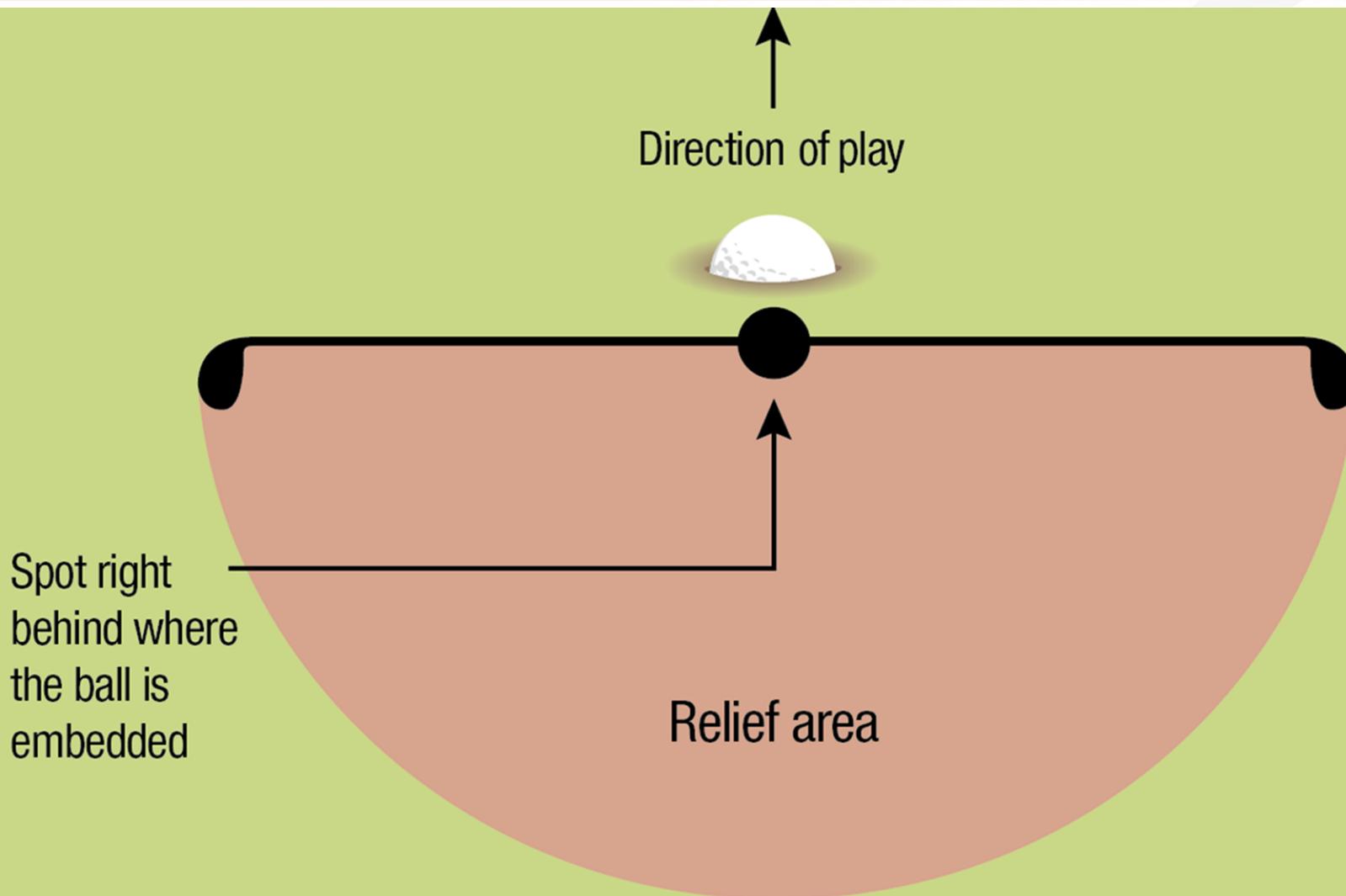
Despite the fact that the ball is not touching the soil, part of the ball (embedded in its own pitch-mark) is below the level of the ground.



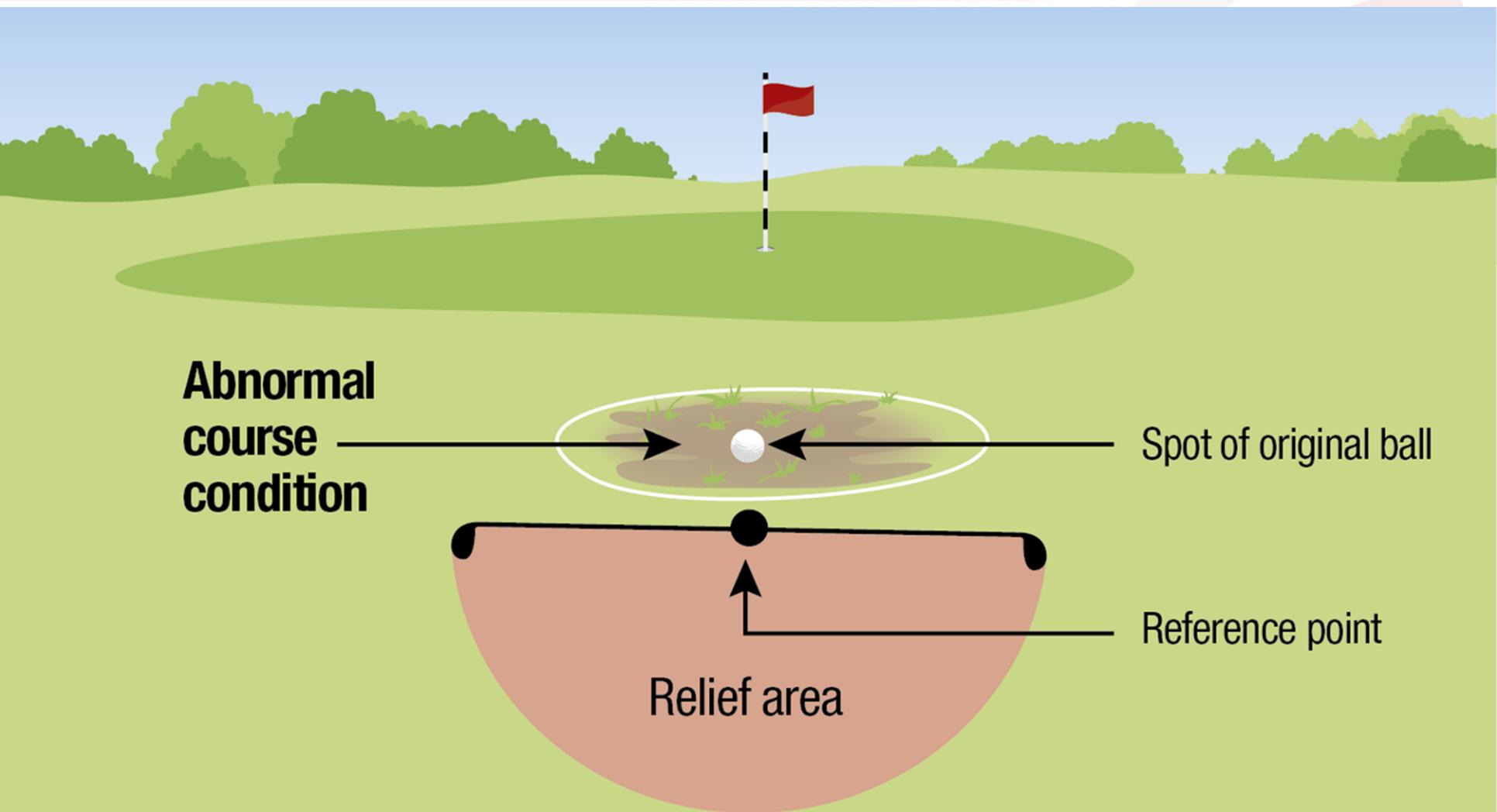
Ball is NOT embedded

Even though the ball is sitting down in the grass, relief is not available because no part of the ball is below the level of the ground.

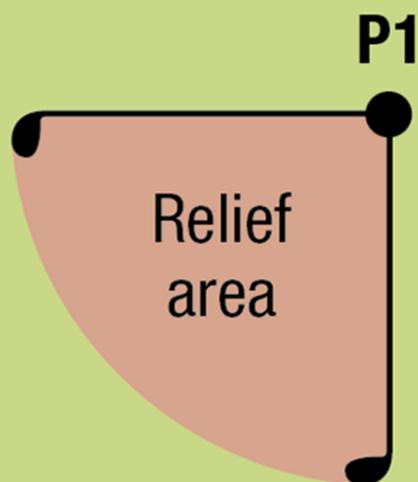
Areas of the Course – General Area



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Areas of the Course – General Area



B1



**Abnormal
course
condition**

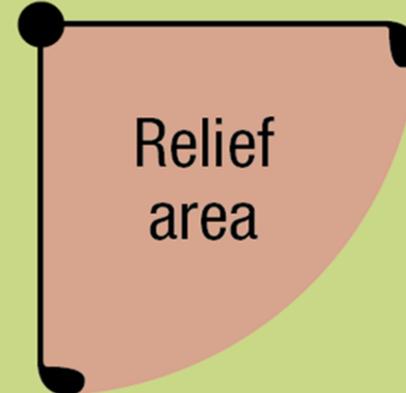
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Direction of play



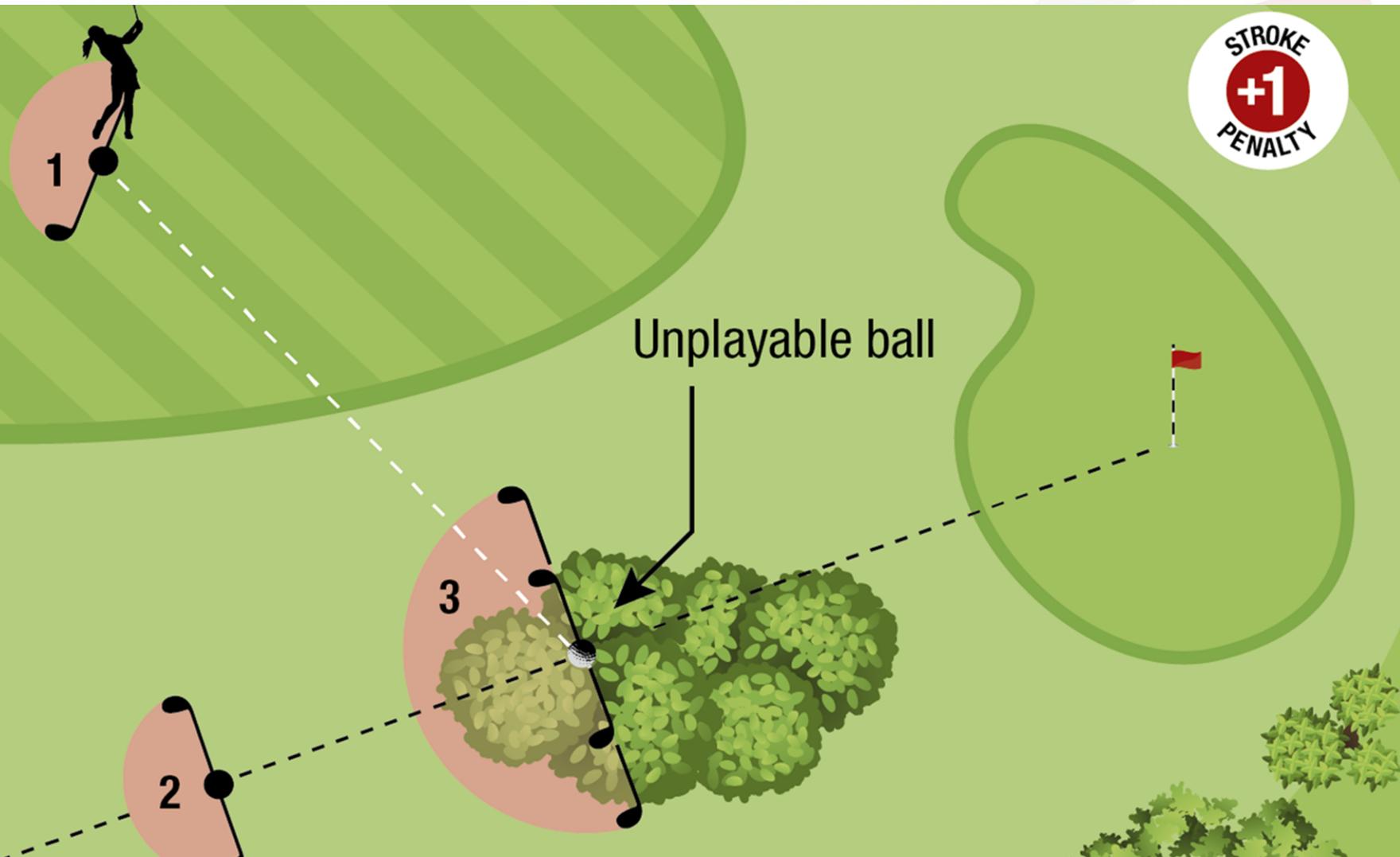
B2



P2



Areas of the Course – General Area



Areas of the Course – Bunkers

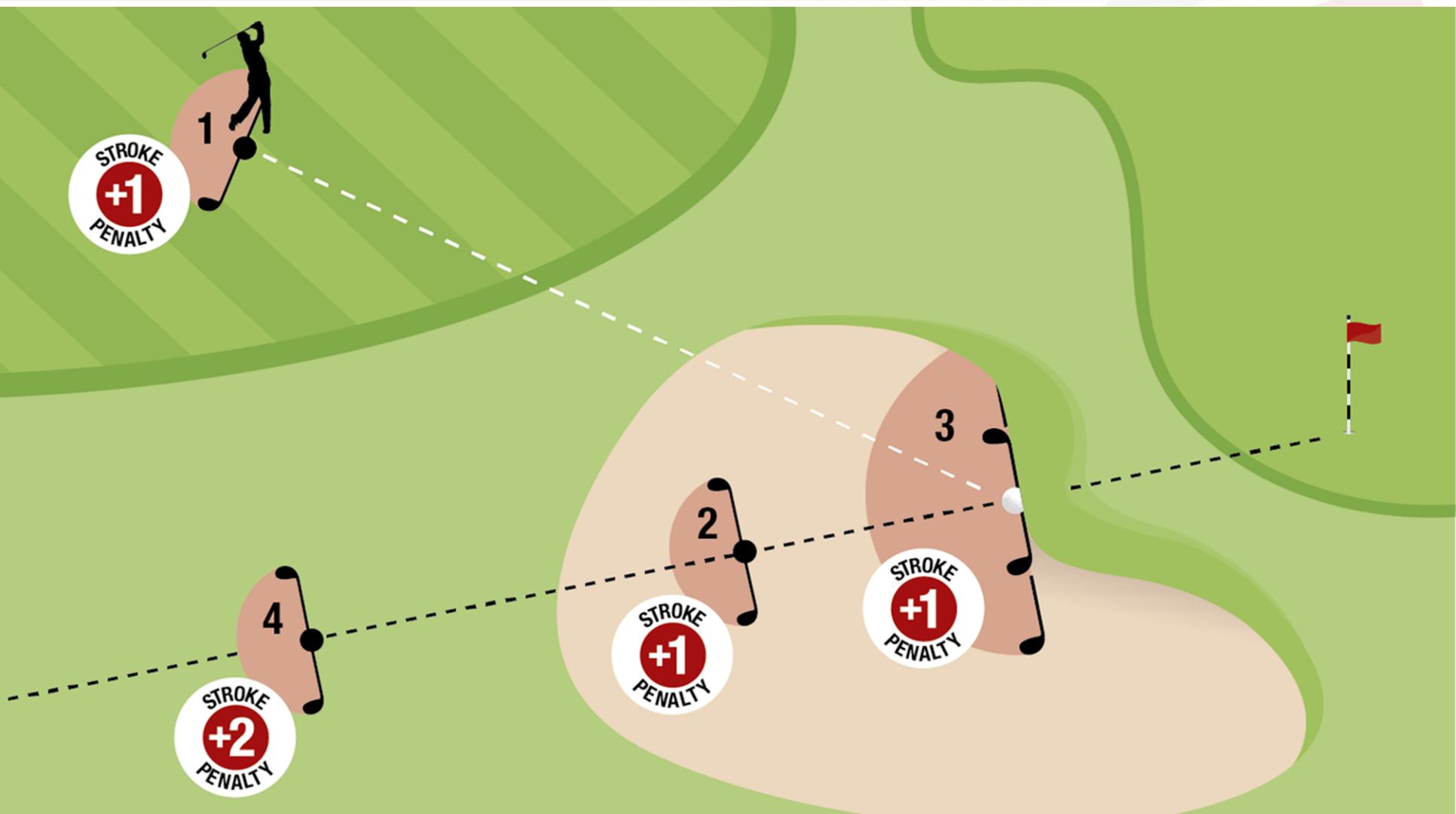
Rule 12

Bunkers are one of the 5 defined areas of the course.

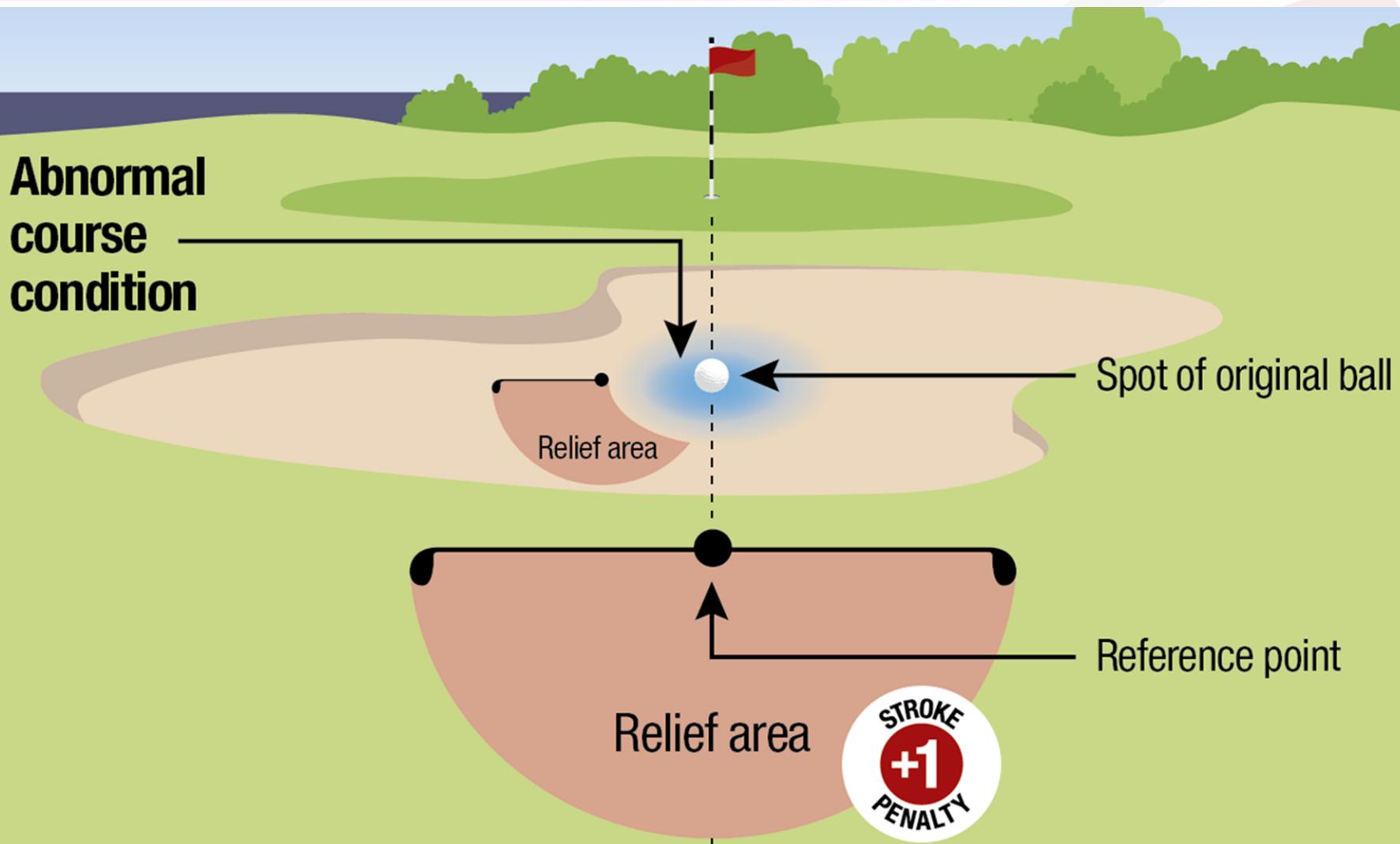
- A player may now remove loose impediments (leaves, branches, sticks etc) from a bunker.
- But is not permitted to ground the club.



Areas of the Course – Bunkers



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Areas of the Course – Putting Green

Improvements allowed

- Whether ball lies on or off green
- Repair of damage caused by a person or outside influence permitted

Improvements not allowed

- But not natural damage or damage caused by normal maintenance practices



Areas of the Course – Putting Green

Flagstick Left in the Hole

- The player may make a stroke with the flagstick left in the hole.
- No penalty if ball strikes flagstick.

When Ball is Holed

- If any part of the ball is in the hole below the surface of the putting green.



Areas of the Course – Putting Green

Replacing ball or ball marker that moves

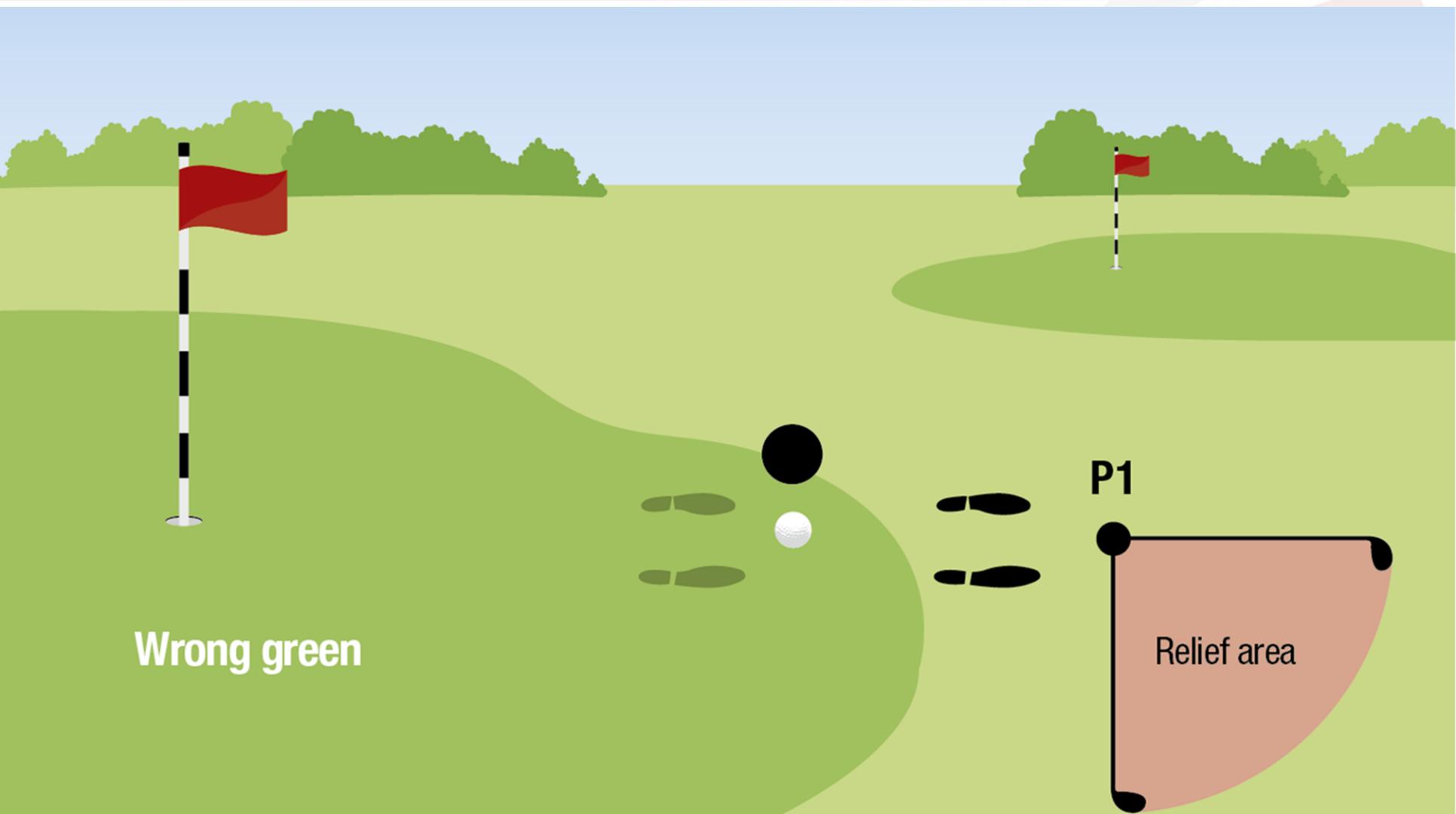
- Whenever moved accidentally
- Whenever moved by natural forces, after ball marked, lifted and replaced
- No penalty

Caddies' new authority

- Lifting ball on putting green without authorisation
- Touching line of play (player or caddie)



Areas of the Course – Putting Green



Wrong green

P1

Relief area

Areas of the Course – Penalty Areas

Rule 17

A penalty area is:

1. Any body of water on the course including a sea, lake, pond, river ditch, surface draining ditch or other open watercourse (even if not containing water)
2. Any other part of the course the Committee defines as a penalty area.

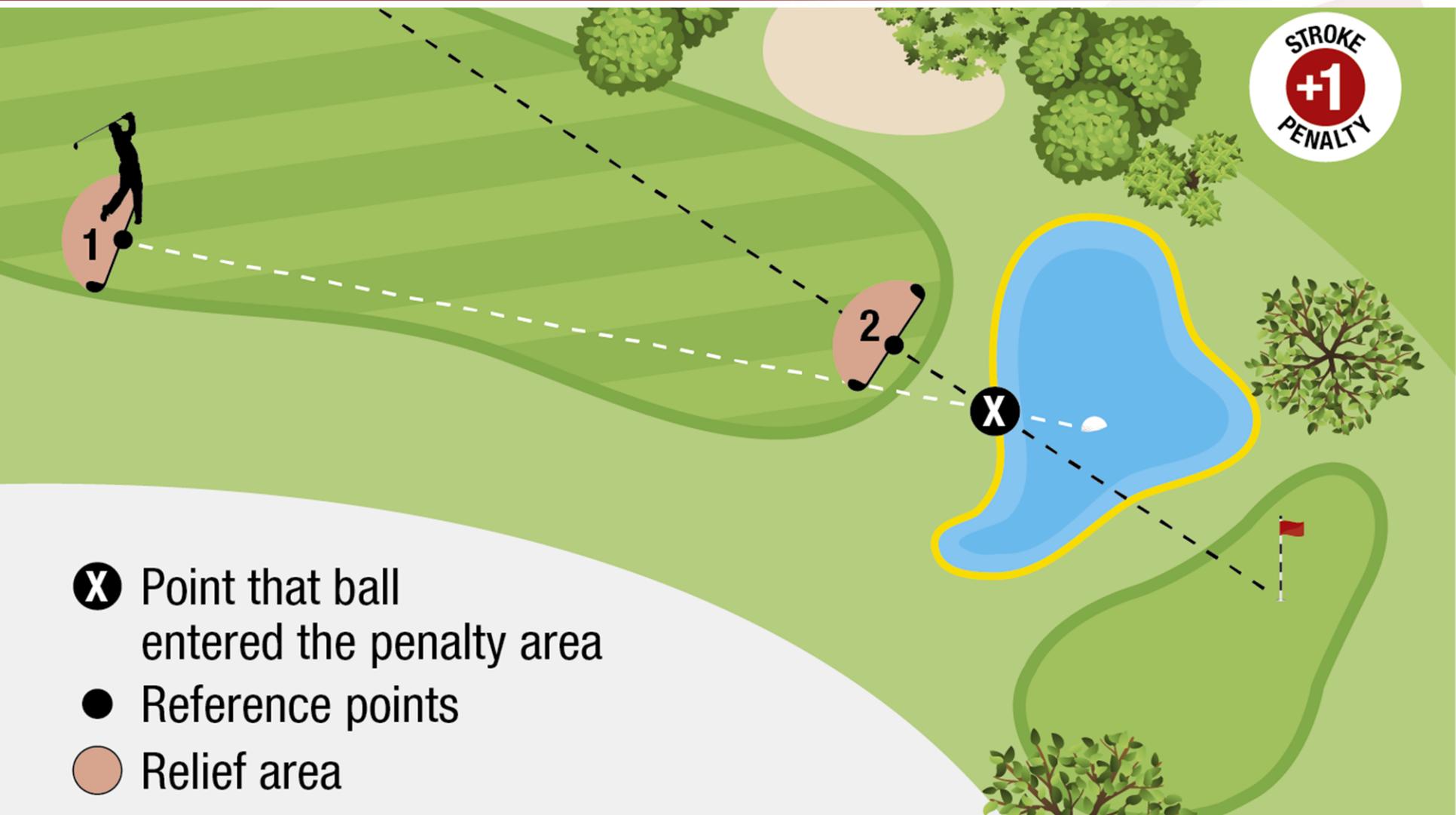
Two types of penalty area, Yellow and Red.

May remove loose impediments.

May ground the club.



Areas of the Course – Penalty Areas



STROKE
+1
PENALTY

- X** Point that ball entered the penalty area
- Reference points
- Relief area

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