

What's the difference between yellow and red penalty areas | USGA Rules of Golf

Q. How do I take relief from a yellow and red penalty areas?

A. When you take relief from a penalty area, you get one penalty stroke.

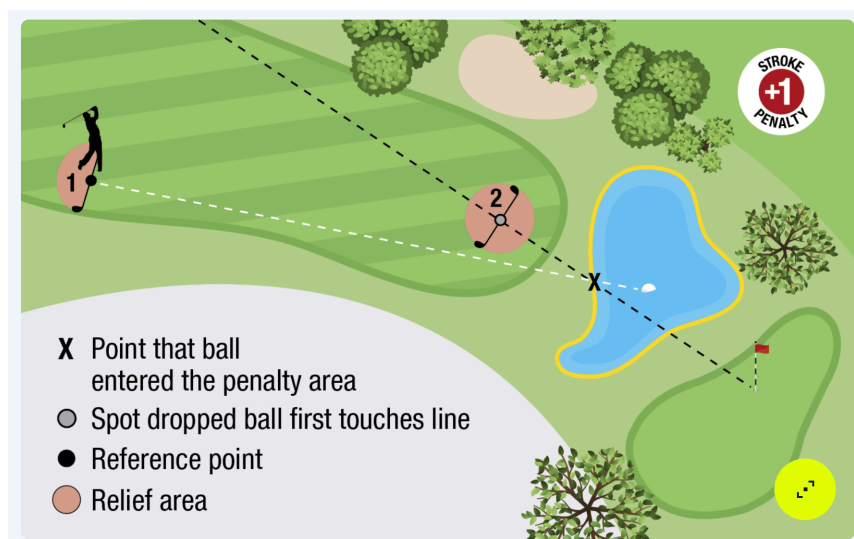
For yellow penalty areas, you have two relief options.

For **red** penalty areas, you have three relief options (the same two relief options as you do for yellow, plus one additional option.)

For a yellow penalty area, you may take relief by dropping into a relief area using:

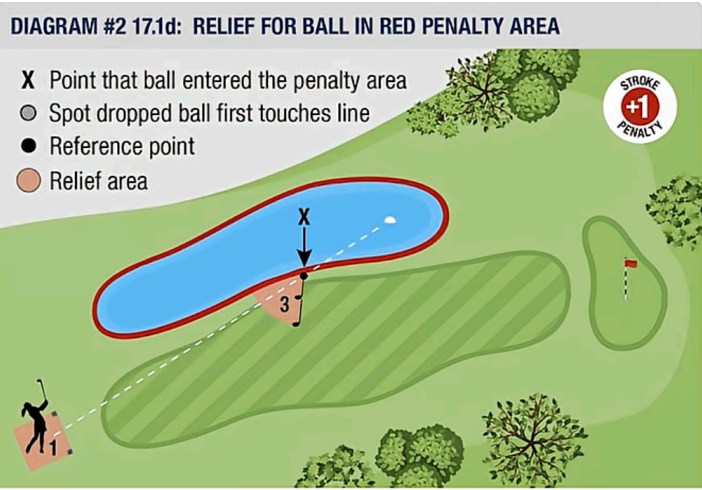
The spot at which your last stroke was made under stroke and distance with in one club length, no closer to the hole (see Rule 17.1d(1)) or Back-on-the-line relief procedure, with in two club-lengths (see Rule 17.1d(2)).

Here at the Villages Back-on-the-line relief is often used on Holes #9 and #18 most of the time when you go in the creek. If you hit into the pond on the left on #18 you can use the drop zone between the cart path and the pond. Again 1 stroke penalty.



For a **red** penalty area, you have the two options above for a yellow penalty area, plus an additional option to take lateral relief.

Lateral Relief allows you to drop a ball into a relief area measured from where your ball last crossed the edge of red penalty area. From that reference point, you are allowed to drop outside the penalty area and anywhere within two club-lengths of that spot, no nearer to the hole (see Rule 17.1d(3)).



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