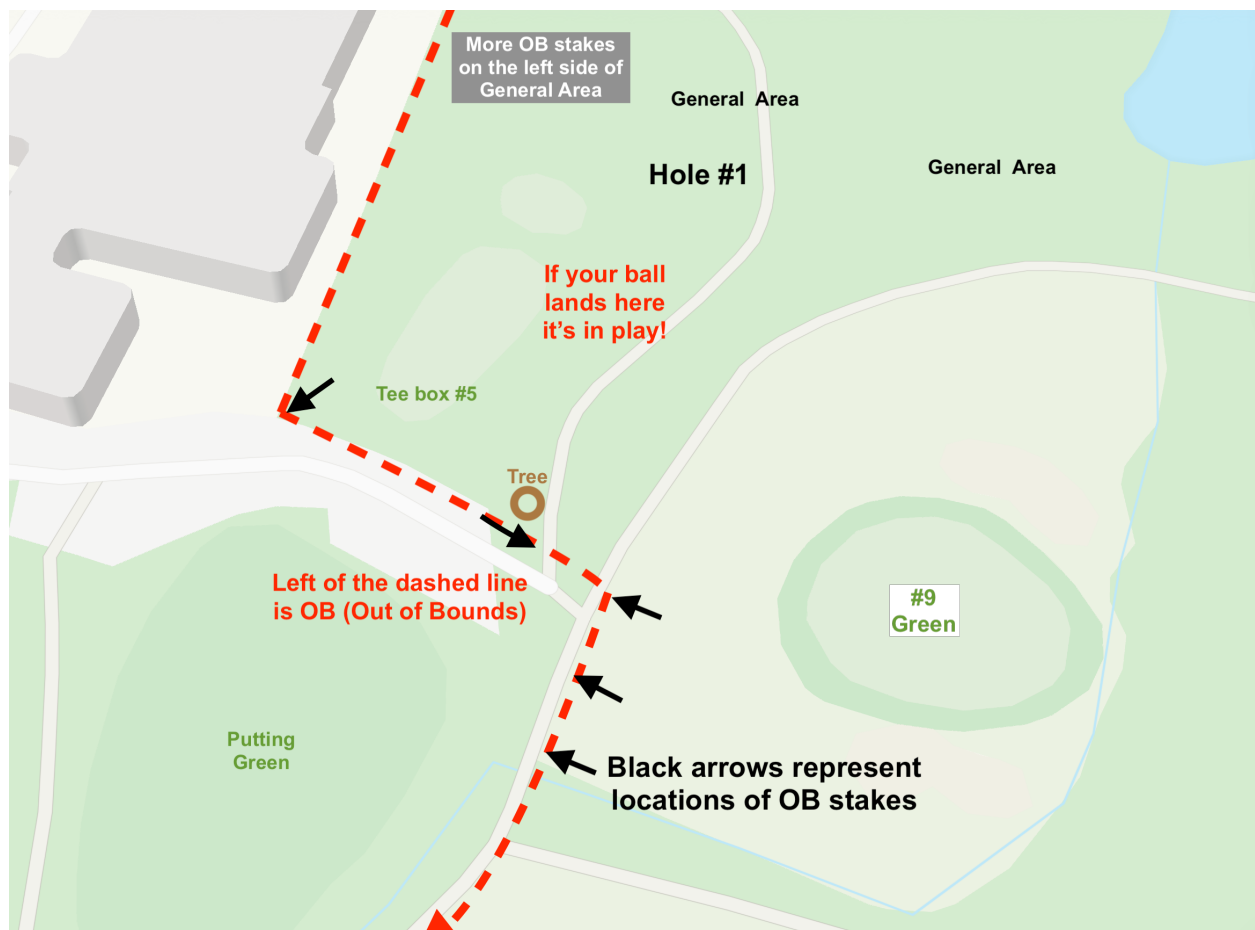


Many questions have come up in the past about what is Out of Bounds (OB) behind the 9th green.

Please refer to the example map of the area in question. It includes the 9th green, cart paths, OB stakes, tee boxes, the practice putting green, and the surrounding area of the golf course.

The OB stakes are represented by black arrows (they show up better on the map than white arrows). The red dashed line represents the Out of Bounds line created by those stakes. Any area beyond that red dashed line is Out of Bounds.

So, if your ball comes to rest near the 1st tee boxes, your ball is **in bounds** and remains in play. (Please refer to the map.)



If you hit a ball over the 9th green and believe it may be Out of Bounds, you may play a **provisional ball** from the spot of your previous stroke. Be sure to announce to your group that you are playing a provisional ball before making the stroke.

A provisional ball only becomes the ball in play if the original ball is lost outside a penalty area or is Out of Bounds. If the original ball is found in bounds within the three-minute search time, the original ball remains the ball in play, and the provisional ball must be abandoned.

For example:

- The player misses the green and believes the ball may be Out of Bounds.
- The player correctly plays a provisional ball.
- The original ball is then found in bounds within the three-minute search time.
- The provisional ball is no longer in play and cannot be chosen simply because the player prefers its position.

Can the player then declare the original ball unplayable?

Yes.

Under the Rules of Golf, if you decide your ball is unplayable (except when it lies in a penalty area), **you may take one penalty stroke** and choose one of the following relief options under Rule 19:

Stroke-and-Distance Relief

Return to the spot of your previous stroke and play another ball.

Back-on-the-Line Relief

Drop a ball anywhere on a line extending straight back from the hole through the spot where the original ball lay. There is no limit to how far back you may go on that line.

Lateral Relief

Drop a ball within two club-lengths of where the original ball lay, no nearer the hole.

Please be mindful of pace of play and the groups behind you. Depending on the circumstances, returning to play under stroke-and-distance relief may not always be practical.

Knowing and using the Rules of Golf to your advantage can make a significant difference in your score on any hole.