

Model Local Rule: E-5 Alternative to Stroke and Distance

for **Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds**

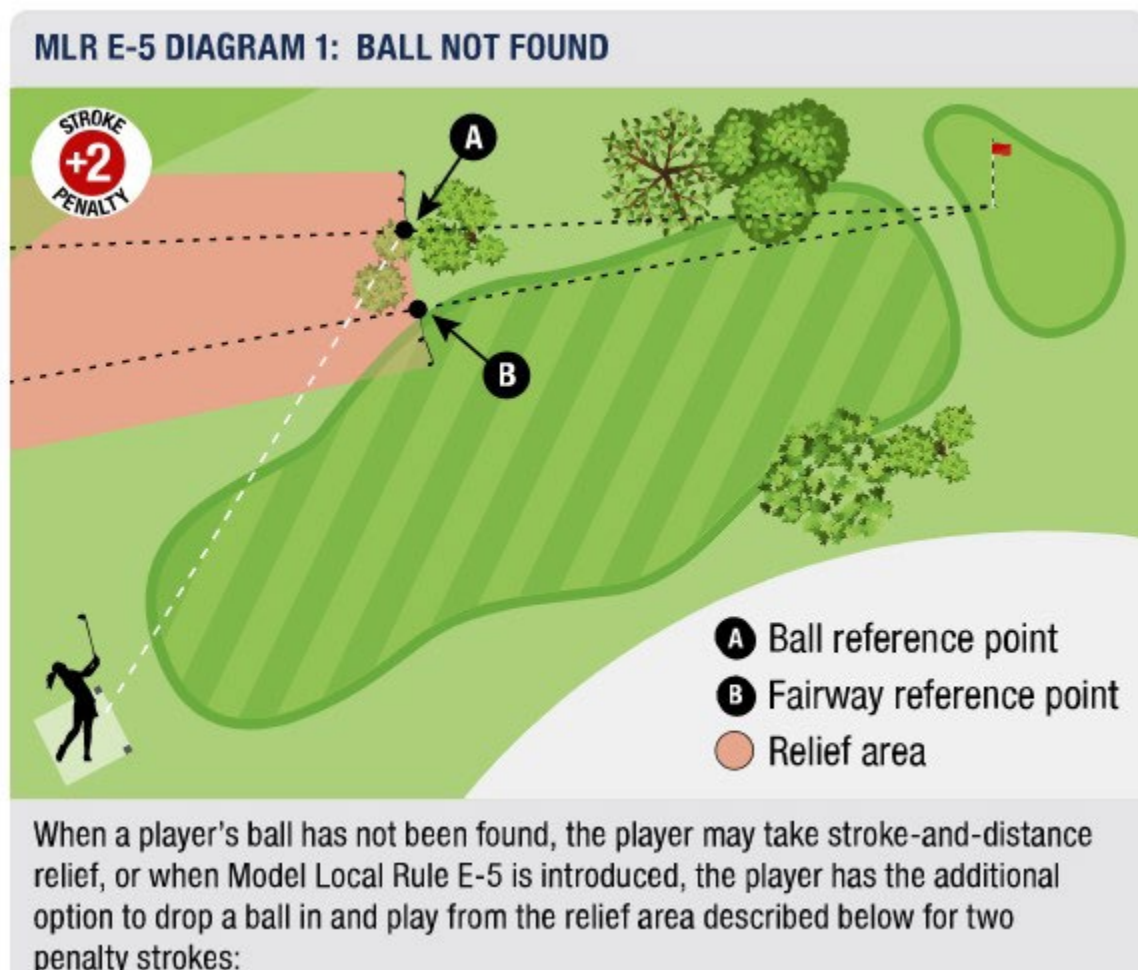
Purpose. When a **provisional ball has not been played**, significant issues with pace of play can result from a player needing to take stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is out of bounds or cannot be found. The purpose of this Local Rule is to allow a Committee to provide an extra relief option that **allows a player to play on without returning to the location of the previous stroke**.

This option allows the player to drop in a large area between the point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone out of bounds and the edge of the fairway of the hole being played that is not nearer the hole.

The **player gets two penalty strokes** when using this relief option. This means that the relief is comparable to what could have been achieved if the player had taken stroke-and-distance relief.

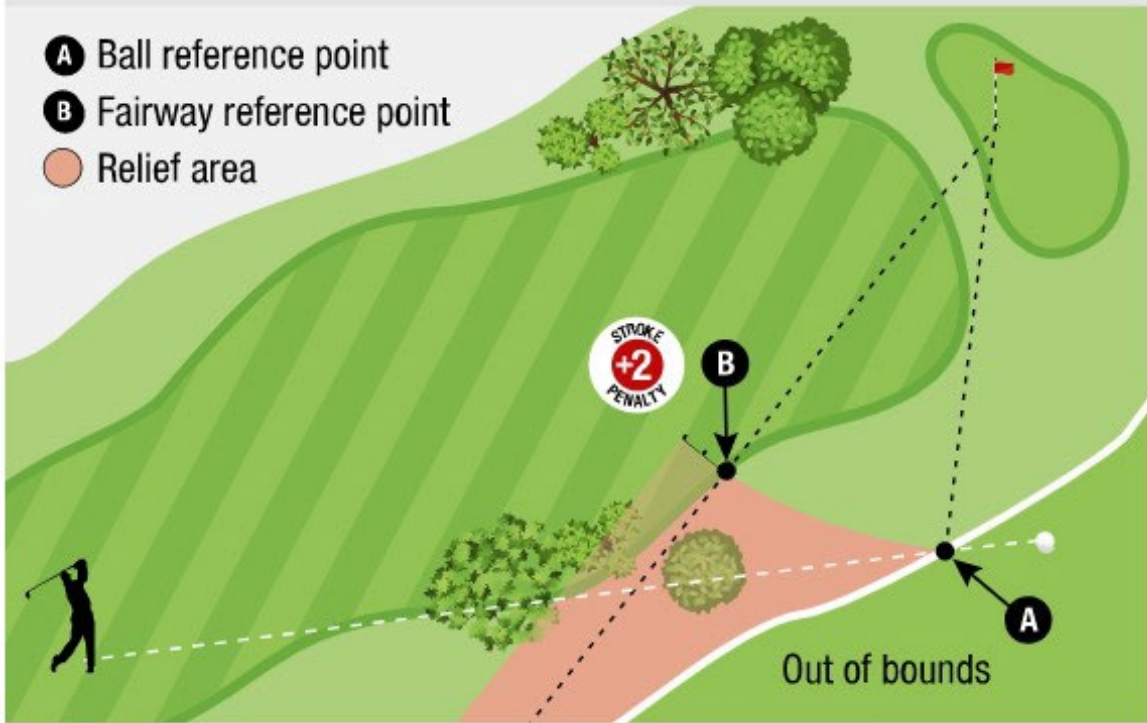
This Local Rule cannot be used for an unplayable ball, or for a ball that is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area.

If a provisional ball is played and neither the original ball nor the provisional ball are found, then the Local Rule may be applied for the provisional ball that cannot be found.



MLR E-5 DIAGRAM 2: BALL OUT OF BOUNDS

- A** Ball reference point
- B** Fairway reference point
- Relief area



MLR E-5 DIAGRAM 3: BALL NOT FOUND OR OUT OF BOUNDS CLOSE TO GREEN

- A** Ball reference point
- B** Fairway reference point
- Relief area

