

Where to play a ball which is in a Lateral Water Hazard

Rule 26-1: Relief for Ball in Lateral Water Hazard The Margin is Marked With Red Stakes or Lines

It is a question of fact whether a ball that has not been found after having been struck toward a water hazard is in the hazard. In order to apply this Rule, it must be known or virtually certain that the ball is in the hazard. In the absence of such knowledge or certainty, the player must proceed under the Lost Ball Rule 27-1.

If a ball is in a water hazard or if it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in a water hazard (whether the ball lies in water or not), the player may

26-1a - Option 1:

Under penalty of one stroke:

Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played;

26-1b - Option 2:

Under penalty of one stroke:

Drop a ball behind the water hazard, keeping the point at which the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the water hazard the ball may be dropped;

26-1c - Option 3 & 4:

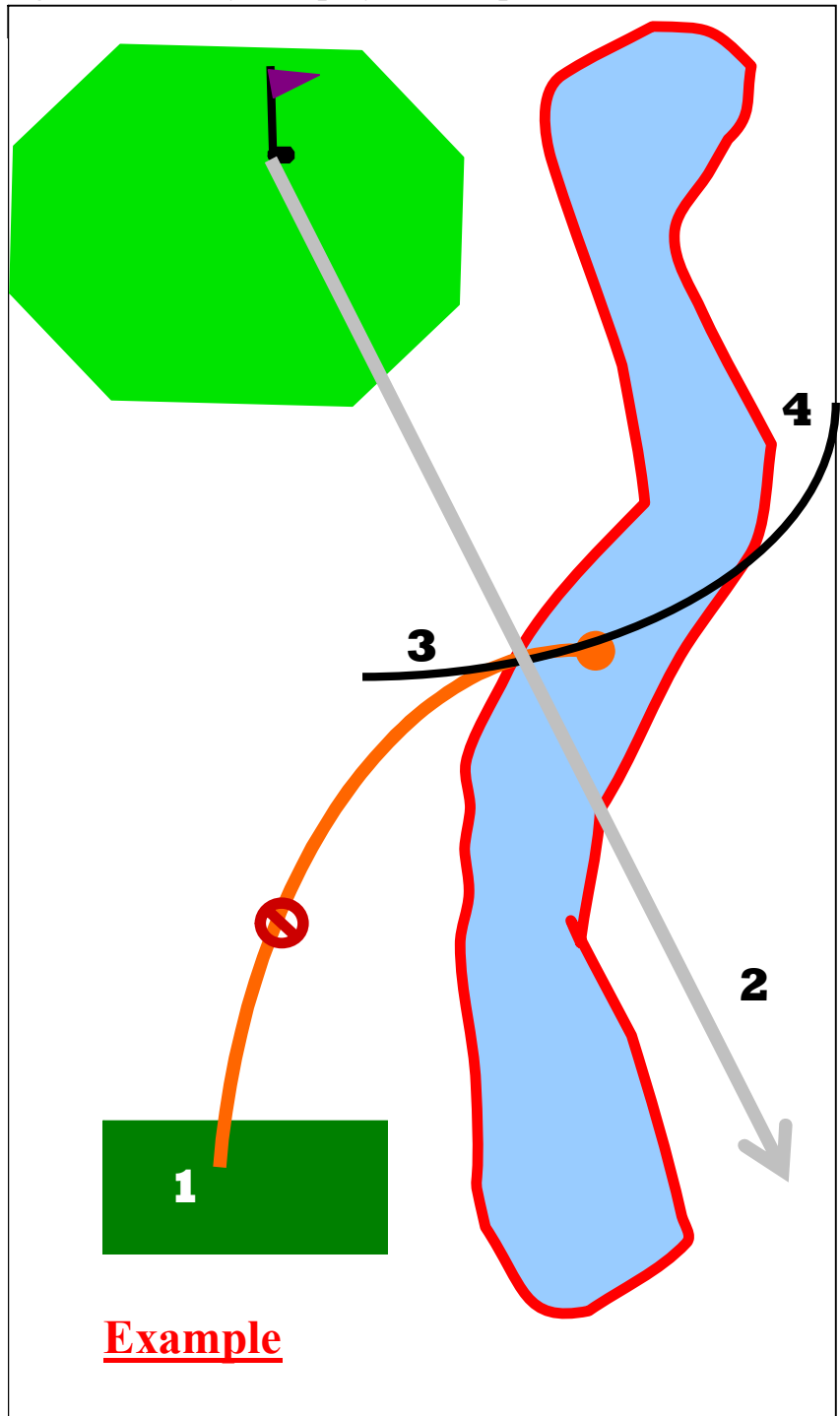
Under penalty of one stroke:

Drop a ball outside the water hazard within 2 club-lengths of and not nearer the hole than

- (i) the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard or
- (ii) a point on the opposite margin of the water hazard equidistant from the hole.

Remember:

Not on the “line of flight” 



Always look for the point where the ball **LAST** crossed the margin of the hazard.