

NUWC Golf Employees League Special Edition Kickoff Bulletin 30 March 2018

News

Welcome back to all the dedicated league members from previous years and a special welcome to all those who agreed to take on a Captainship, the subs that took the leap to be regulars and for all the new players supporting our league in 2018. Although we really haven't hit Spring even if the calendar says so **we will start the season on 12 April**. Please visit our web page <http://ngloob.com/> for all league info.

Taking a page out of the DJT playbook, I figured I'd just tweet my way through introducing you to the 2018 season. I encourage you to read below as there are a few important changes from last year but also a lot that stayed the same. Before I start my twitter rant, the biggest change is a rule change that I will provide first:

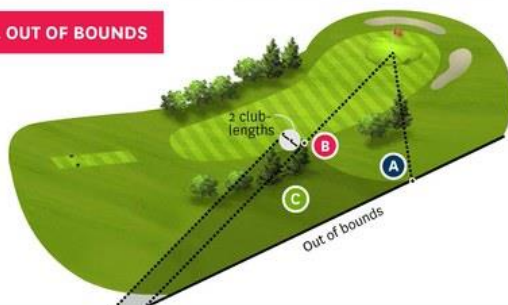
17.3. Ball Lost or Out of Bounds (Local Rule -Alternative Stroke and Distance) - When a player's ball cannot be found or is virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. There will be no provisional balls hit:

For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or a substituted as shown below.

GOLF'S NEW RULES: STROKE AND DISTANCE

A new Local Rule will provide an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds. This new Local Rule will be available beginning January 1, 2019.

BALL OUT OF BOUNDS



LOST BALL



If the Local Rule is in effect, you can still take stroke-and-distance relief, but you will now have the following additional option that comes with a penalty of two strokes:

A DETERMINE SPOT where your ball went out of bounds (left diagram) or is likely to be lost (right diagram).

B FIND NEAREST FAIRWAY EDGE no closer to the hole.

C DROP YOUR BALL IN SHADED AREA as defined on one side by a line from the hole through point A and on the other side by a line from the hole through point B, and not nearer the hole. The relief area is extended on both sides by two club-lengths.

This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.

Example:

a. If you choose to use this local rule after your initial stroke off the tee box, you would be taking relief and lying 3, hitting 4. If your tee shot was in play and you hit out of bounds or have a lost ball on your 2nd shot, you'd be lying 4 hitting 5, etc., etc.

b. If you choose to hit a 2nd ball off the tee, you will be hitting 3 and abandon the first ball hit (even if you find it). If both the initial stroke off the tee and 2nd shot go OB or are lost, you must use this local rule that would leave you lying 5, hitting 6, because the 2nd ball is the ball in play.

Once a player leaves the region where the original ball was last played, they forfeit the option to use stroke and distance relief (cannot go back to the tee or last spot hit from) and must proceed under the above ruling or any other applicable options - this includes removal of the stroke-and-distance option for all hazards.

Application case study:

Hole 3 - Tee shot goes into trees on right. You can re-tee, hitting 3, or drop up ahead using the new USGA guidelines of drop location options hitting 4. As soon as you leave the tee box area, you can ONLY use the new rule.

You now have 2 options when you hit a shot OOB/Lost/Unplayable area - use of stroke and distance (until you leave the original shot area) or the new 2-stroke penalty drop



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Very STORMY March! SPANKED us in the butt! Will April continue to be STORMY?.....And now a little bit about the weather.....

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Prez demotes Berube from VP position to AT-LARGE-MEMBER! Too much talking! SOURCE OF MANY LEAKS! Bringing in CODYER as new VP. More shake-ups to come? DRAIN THE SWAMP!

4:31 AM – 30 March 2018



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Prez signs executive order ABOLISHING CAPTAIN AND CREW! Previous attendance DISGRACEFUL! Will start season with REGULAR SEASON MATCHES! BE READY!

4:33 AM – 30 March 2018



9 (All league officers)



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SAME number of teams! SAME playoff format! Teams equally matched by handicap! New SLOGAN - KEEP NGeL GREAT (Exclamation point). Prez is a stable genius!

4:34 AM – 30 March 2018



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USGA to implement new rule in 2019. NGeL will implement NOW! NEW RULE 17.3 intended to speed up play! READ ABOVE AND RULES ON THE WEBSITE! Slow Play WILL NOT BE TOLERATED! NO EXCUSES!

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Scribe recovering from knee surgery. May act as RANGER for first half to enforce new rule! Slow play will result in VERBAL FIRE AND FURY THE WORLD HAS NEVER KNOWN!

4:38 AM – 30 March 2018

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Pay dues on time! Prez may impose mega tariffs on those who don't! SLACKERS NOT PAYING ON TIME VERY UNFAIR TO LEAGUE OFFICERS!

4:40 AM – 30 March 2018

 1 (Treasurer)



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Any bad behavior or reckless play will be called out. YOU ARE ON NOTICE! I'M THE SCRIBE AND YOU'RE NOT!!!!

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Notes:

Captains should e-mail the handicapper, Pete Michno, no later than 1100 Wednesday to give their line-ups. However, I'm sure the handicapper would appreciate Captains providing the line-ups earlier if you have them set. 1100 on Wednesday should be the exception, not the rule.

Captains should inform all retirees and non-NUWC members on their teams to use the website for all League information.

Dues – Even though the dues are listed in the rules, they are repeated here as additional encouragement for you to pay on time!

League dues for regulars will be \$40/year, payment received by 10 May 2018. Payment increases to \$45.00 if received after 10 May 2018. Members are responsible for paying their own dues. Payments can be made to Barbara Keller (Treasurer) or to any other League Official. Make checks payable to "NUWC Golf League". Cash will also be accepted. **Please read the rules as there will be reduction in points penalties assessed to teams that have members who have not paid by 24 May 2018. Additionally, members who do not pay by the date indicated are subject to removal as a member and will be placed on the Sub List.** Their position on the Team roster will be filled by the next eligible individual on the Sub List based upon membership criteria (frequency of filling in as a sub and handicap with respect to division roster spot needing to be filled). Team Captains are encouraged to ensure all Team Members pay their dues in a timely manner.

Slow Play Watch for 2018:

Hopefully the new rule will keep slow play to a minimum.

Joke of the Week

Top 10 Caddie Quotes

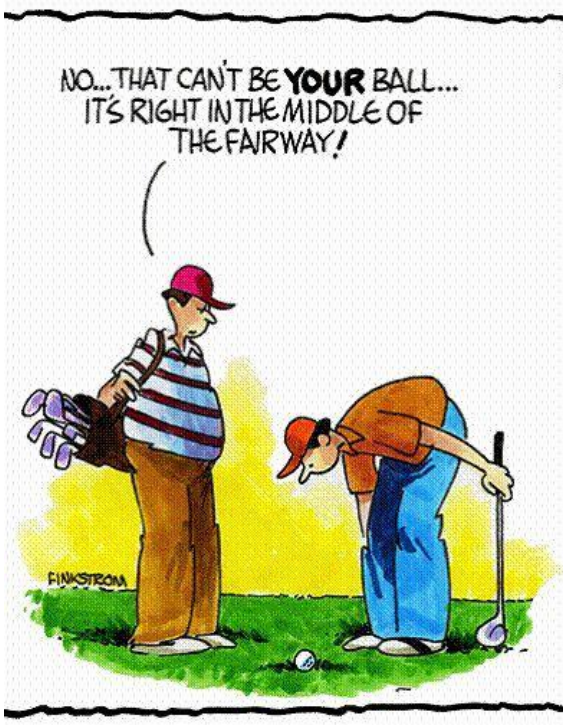
1. Golfer: Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake.
Caddy: Think you can keep your head down that long?
2. Golfer: I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course.
Caddy: Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth.
3. Golfer: Do you think my game is improving?
Caddy: "Yes sir, you miss the ball much closer now."

4. Golfer: Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?
Caddy: Eventually.
5. Golfer: You've got to be the worst caddy in the world.
Caddy: I don't think so sir. That would be too much of a coincidence.
6. Golfer: Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction.
Caddy: It's not a watch - it's a compass.
7. Golfer: How do you like my game?
Caddy: Very good sir, but personally, I prefer golf.
8. Golfer: Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday?
Caddy: The way you play, sir, it's a sin on any day.
9. Golfer: This is the worst course I've ever played on.
Caddy: This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago.
10. Golfer: That can't be my ball, it's too old.
Caddy: It's been a long time since we teed off, sir.

Quote of the Week

"The only thing a golfer needs is more daylight." - *Ben Hogan*

Golf Cartoon of the Week



Great Picture of the Week



