



New Member Induction Pack



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Welcome and Introduction



- ▶ On behalf of the Board of Directors and members, welcome to North Ryde Golf Club (**NRGC**).
- ▶ We believe you have chosen one of the best and friendliest golf clubs at which to be a member.
- ▶ The Club was formally founded in 1949, although the land has been used as a golf course since 1937.
- ▶ North Ryde is a private club and owns the land on which the course and clubhouse is located.
- ▶ While a private Club, we welcome visitors to utilise the golf course when it is not being used for member competitions.
- ▶ A full history of the Club is contained in *A Vision Unfolding* by Alan Wilson. The book is currently out of print but you may borrow a copy of the book if you are interested in reading it.



Board of Directors and Women's Committee



Board of Directors

President:	Mark Mathieson
Captain:	Glenn Woodley
Vice-President:	Alex Cicchini
Vice-Captain:	Greg Sheaves
Directors:	Steve Callaghan, Ann Conway, Henk van Diggele and Steve Bradley

Women's Committee

President:	Eve Sheppard
Captain:	Lynn Wells
Vice-Presidents:	Michelle Williams and Kathy Coales (weekend)
Vice-Captain:	Alice Wei
Secretary:	Lynne Jackson
Committee Members:	Sue Mezger, Kath Clark, Kerry Attenborough, Connie Long and Elizabeth Sung



Club Professionals



Come and meet Marty, Alex & Chloe our PGA Professionals

- ▶ Personal Coaching
- ▶ Group Clinics
- ▶ Latest Equipment
- ▶ Equipment Repairs

The only advice worth taking is from your pro. Marty & his team are always at your service to advise on equipment selection, your game and your club.

Pro Shop direct line 9888 5518



Website & App



- ▶ The Club's website is www.northrydegolfclub.com.au
- ▶ Access the members section by clicking on **MEMBER** on the homepage.
- ▶ Login using your new Membership Number and your password – your password is the 4 numbers of the day and month of your birth e.g. if your birthday is the 1st of January, your password will be 0101 (please do not change this password) we suggest all members login and have a good explore.
- ▶ Use the members section to:
 - Find out what's going on in the Club – including reports from the Board and the Club's newsletter
 - Book into the member competitions – using the BOOKINGS tab
 - Check competition results – MY RESULTS or LEADERBOARD
 - Check your prize account or Membership accounts
 - Use the Member Directory to contact a fellow member
- ▶ You can also access most website features through our **North Ryde Golf Club App** either through apple or google downloading it to your phone. Once downloaded login to the members section through **MEMBERS PORTAL** also using your membership number and the same password as the website.



Website

A screenshot of the North Ryde Golf Club website homepage. The header is dark blue with the club's logo on the left and navigation links: HOME, MEMBERSHIP, GOLF, DRAGON ON THE GREEN RESTAURANT, EVENTS, WEDDINGS & CORPORATE, CLUB INFORMATION, and a BOOK GOLF button. The main content area features a large landscape photo of a golf course with a pond. A smaller inset shows the login form with fields for Membership No., Password, and a Login button. Two callout boxes provide instructions: one points to the MEMBERSHIP link in the header, and the other points to the login form fields.

Log into members section by clicking **MEMBER BUTTON** on homepage

Input member Number
Password – first 4 digits birthdate

www.northrydegolfclub.com.au

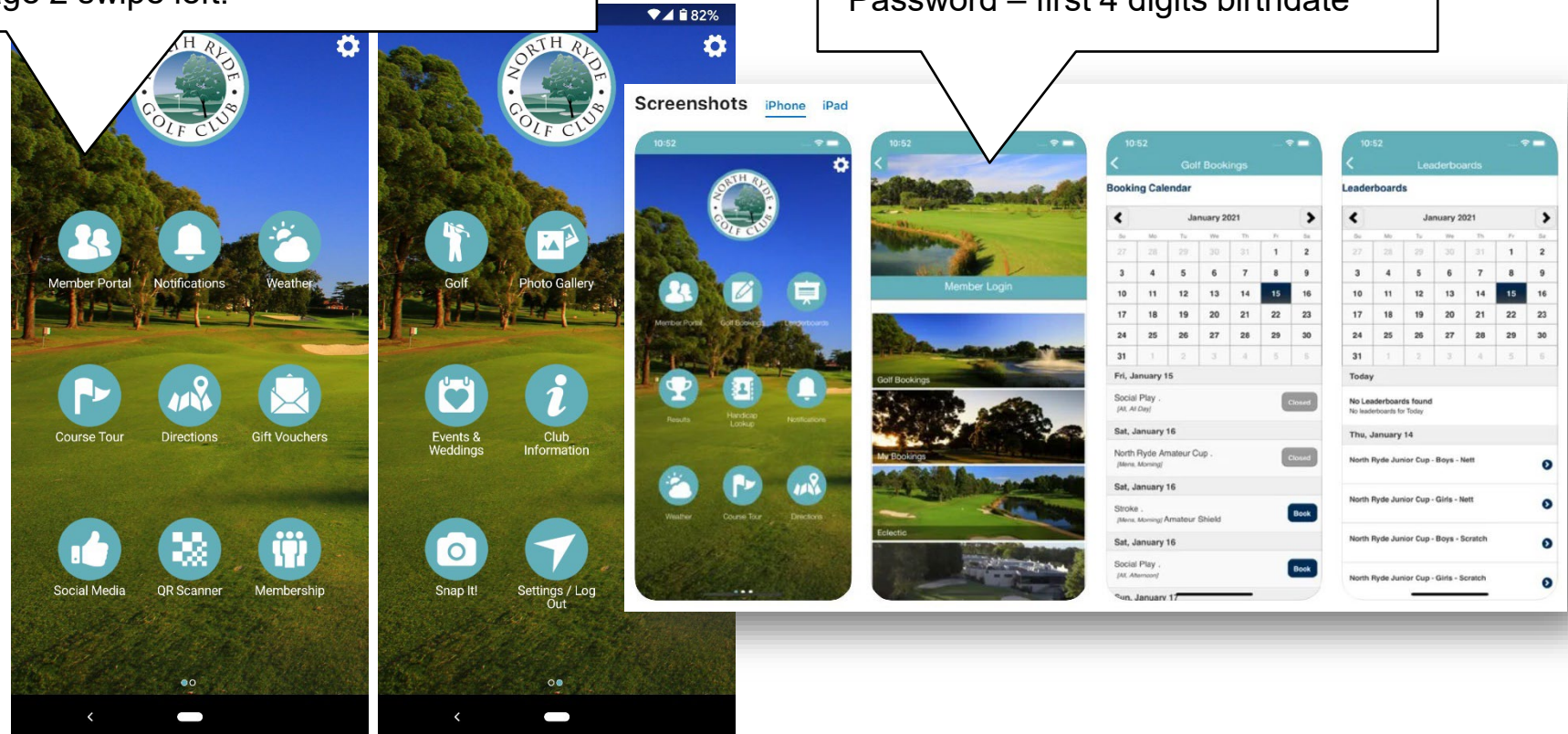


North Ryde Golf Club App



Log into members section by clicking **MEMBERS PORTAL** first page of the App.
For page 2 swipe left.

Input member Number and
Password – first 4 digits birthdate



Download the App through:





- ▶ All golfing members are eligible to hold a golf handicap.
- ▶ New members with a current Golf Australia (**GA**) handicap (issued by another golf club) will have their GA handicap transferred to NRGC unless there has been no games played within the last two years, then a new handicap will be required.
- ▶ If you do not have a handicap, you will have to play three 18-hole rounds at NRGC.
- ▶ Handicap rounds must:
 - 2 rounds from the white markers at NRGC
 - 1 round to be played in competition times
 - Be recorded on a scorecard and signed by you and a NRGC member
 - Return a score of 100 strokes or less for men and 120 for women
- ▶ Once three scorecards are submitted to the Pro Shop you will be allocated a GA handicap. You will receive a GOLF Link Number starting with 20219 ... and then your NRGC membership number.
- ▶ Golf Australia manages all Australian handicaps – see www.golf.org.au



GA and Daily Handicaps



- ▶ GA Handicap is calculated by averaging the best 8 of a player's most recent 20 Rounds..
- ▶ Slope Rating = measurement of the difficulty of a golf course for the handicap golfer relative to the Scratch Rating.
- ▶ Scratch Rating = evaluation of the normal playing difficulty of a set of tees for a player with a handicap of zero.
- ▶ NRGC Slope Rating, Scratch Rating & Course Par
 - Blue Markers Slope 129, Scratch 68 & Par 69
 - Red Markers Slope 124, Scratch 72 & Par 70
- ▶ Daily Handicap = the actual handicap used in competitions.
- ▶ Daily Handicap is calculated by:

$(GA \text{ Handicap} \times (Slope \text{ Rating} \div 113) + (Scratch \text{ Rating} \text{ minus Par}) \times 0.93$

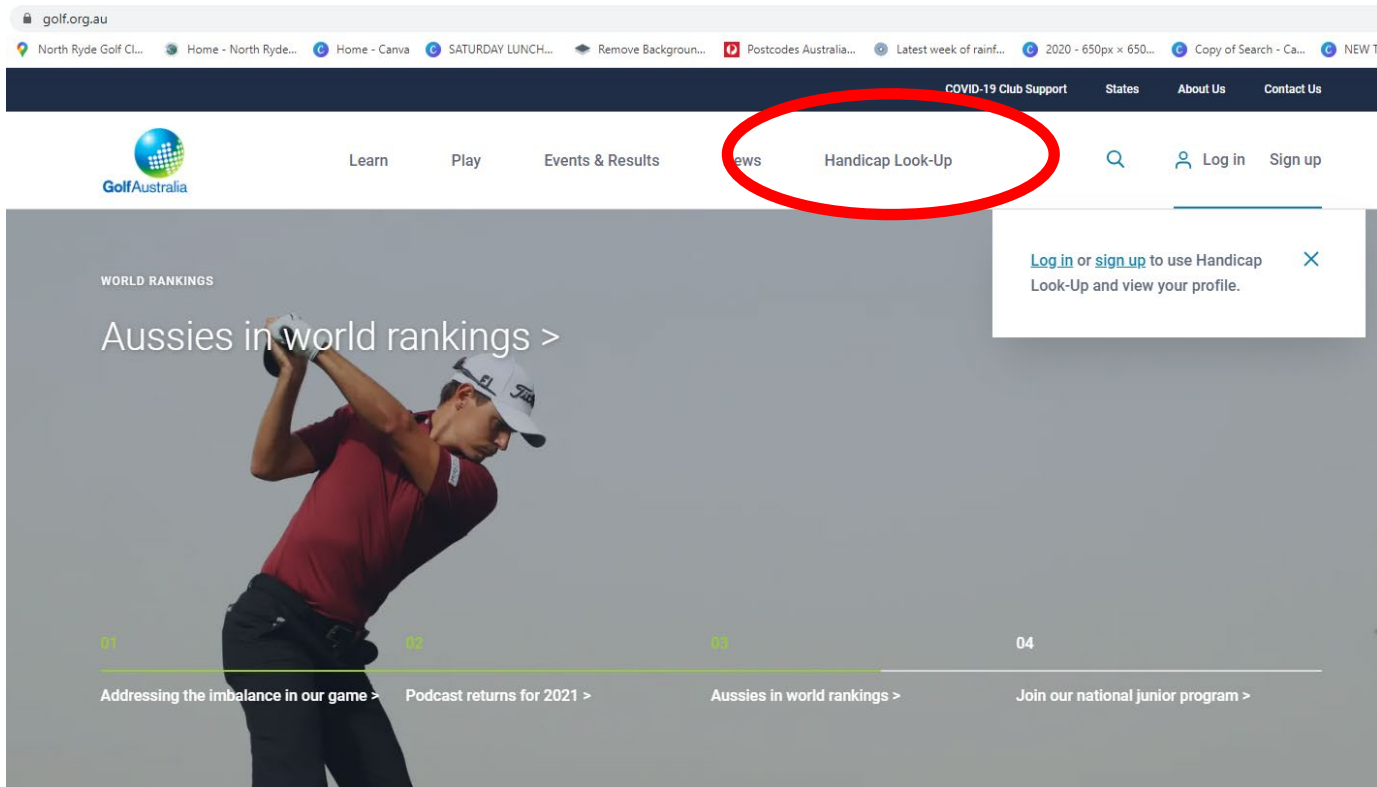


GOLF Link Handicaps



- ▶ To look up your handicap you can log into Golf Australia website (you will need to set up an account and sign in to do so) or click on handicap lookup on our website

www.golf.org.au



Daily Handicap



Daily Handicap Calculator

Your GA Handicap 12.9

Golf Course

North Ryde GC

Select Tee

Blue, Men, 18 Holes

Slope Rating 129

Scratch Rating 68

Par 69

Your Daily Handicap is 13

[How is this calculated?](#)

CALCULATE



[Enter Values Manually](#)



Handicap Grades Men's



Men's Grade	Daily Handicaps*	
	From	To
Men's A Grade	Plus	13
Men's A Reserve (Championships only)	8	13
Men's B Grade	14	19
Men's C Grade	20	36

* Based on North Ryde Golf Club's current slope rating of 129



Handicap Divisions Women's



Women's Division	Standard GA Handicaps	
	From	To
Women's Division I	0	25
Women's Division II	26	33
Women's Division III	34	54
Weekend Women's Division I	0	23
Weekend Women's Division II	24	54

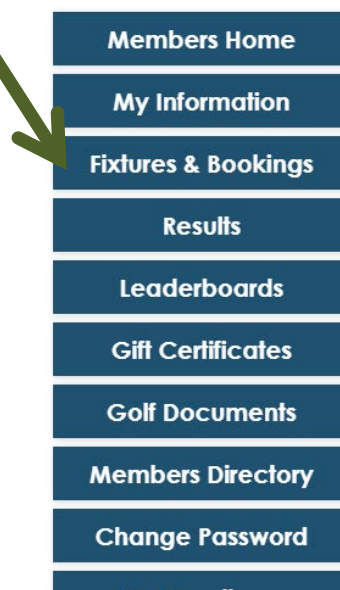
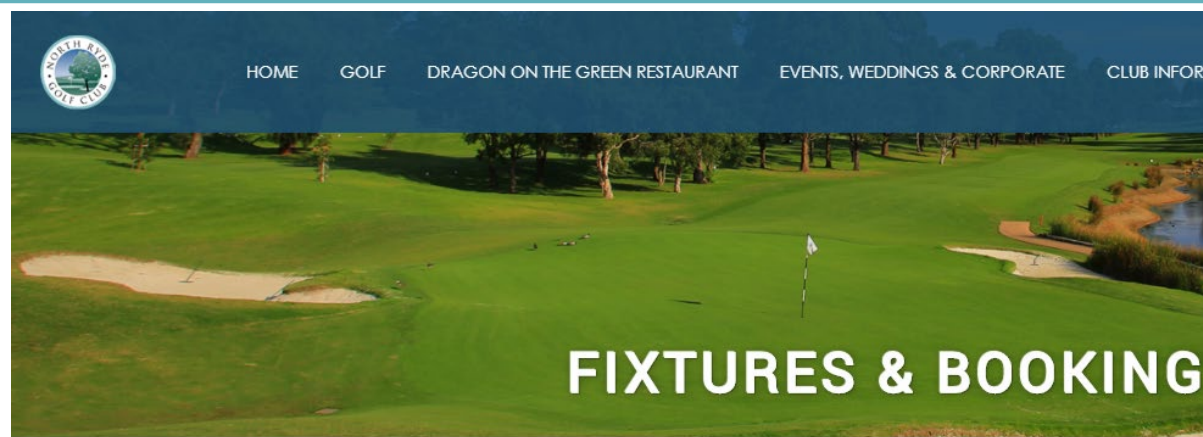
- ▶ Please note: Handicaps for other Women's competitions such as – Club Championships, Foursomes Championships, Foursomes Premiership etc are listing within the “MEMBERS HANDBOOK”



Bookings



- ▶ All competition tee-times are booked on-line.
- ▶ Go to the **FIXTURES & BOOKINGS** tab on the Members Section of the website.
- ▶ Competition timesheets become available through a lottery system at 5pm or 6.00pm, between 5 and 6 days before the competition – see next slide for days & times.
- ▶ See Appendix 1 for further information on how to book competition tee-times.
- ▶ There are separate timesheets for social play.
- ▶ Tee-times for social play can be booked two weeks ahead.



Golf Course Bookings

02:09:18 PM

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Showing 30
Days

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Sat 07 Sep

RESULTS

STROKE - MONTHLY MEDAL

CLOSED
84 Available

SOCIAL PLAY
Greens Sadnded

Sun 08 Sep

OPEN
23 Available

MEMBERS MEDLEY 2 BALL TEAM + INDIVIDUAL STABLEFC
Unity Cup



Member Competitions and Booking Times



Competition	Format	Day timesheet available
Sunday	Mixed	6pm Tuesday (5 days before)
Monday	Veterans or Full Playing (Alternate week)	6pm Wednesday (5 days before)
Tuesday	Women's	5pm Thursday (5 days before)
Wednesday	Men	6pm Friday (5 days before)
Thursday	Women's	5pm Friday (6 days before)
Saturday	Men	6pm Monday (5 days before)



Member Competitions



- ▶ NRGC hosts annual Championships and Major Events as well as weekly competitions for members.
- ▶ Most competitions at NRGC use the Stableford format, although there are stroke, par and team events e.g. foursomes or ambrose.
- ▶ All competitions are listed in the MEMBERS HANDBOOK.



Stableford Competitions



- ▶ Most competitions at NRGC use the Stableford format.
- ▶ Stableford involves scoring points based on the result at each hole.
- ▶ The Index on the scorecard is used to allocate handicap strokes (if any) to each hole.
- ▶ Players receive points relative to par on each hole. Handicap strokes are deducted on each hole to calculate the “nett” par.
- ▶ Stableford is scored as follows:
 - 2 over Par = 0 points
 - 1 over Par = 1 point
 - Par = 2 points
 - 1 under Par = 3 points
 - 2 under Par = 4 points
 - 3 under Par = 5 points





Playing Members Competition Fees

- ▶ \$18 Monday to Saturdays
- ▶ \$19 Sundays

Flexible Members Competition Fees

- ▶ \$35 Monday to Saturdays
- ▶ \$36 Sundays

Social Green Fees

- ▶ Playing Members (including 5 Day) Social Green Fee of \$10 applies to social bookings made on Thursday, Saturday & Sunday prior 4pm during EDST (daylight savings) and 2pm EDST with Friday being a \$20 Social fee for Members which includes a drink.
- ▶ Flexible Members - Social Green Fees are \$20 on weekdays and \$60 on weekends

These fees are subject to change at the discretion of the Board.



Scoring in Stableford



- John's score on the Par 4 1st hole was 4.
- John gets 1 shot on the 1st hole, so his nett score was 3.
- 3 is 1 under par, so John scores 3 stableford points.

- John's handicap is 20.
- John gets 1 shot on 16 holes and 2 shots on the two hardest holes on the course – the 5th and the 7th.

- John scored a 6 on the Par 3 14th.
- John gets 1 shot on the 14th so his nett score is a 5, 2 over par.
- As John had a nett double bogey (or 2 over par) he scores zero points on the 14th hole.

Event: Medley 2B Team & Individual Stableford

Date: 1 December 2015 S/R: 68 Slope: 129
 Player: 1 John Smith Golfink: 2021901234 H/C: 20 Tee: Blue 09:00 AM 1st Tee

Hole	Metres	Par	Index	Shots	Player	Marker	TPH
1	340	4	3/22	1	4 / 3	5 / 2	9:00
2	328	4	8/21	1	5 / 2	6 / 1	9:13
3	129	3	18/36	1	4 / 2	3 / 3	9:26
4	384	4	5/23	1	5 / 2	6 / 1	9:37
5	371	4	2/20	2	5 / 3	5 / 2	9:50
6	136	3	14/33	1	3 / 3	4 / 2	10:03
7	416	4	1/19	2	6 / 2	5 / 3	10:14
8	184	3	7/29	1	5 / 1	4 / 2	10:27
9	474	5	10/24	1	-	5 / 3	10:38
OUT	2762	34			18	19	10:53
10	142	3	12/30	1	3 / 3	4 / 2	10:58
11	284	4	11/25	1	5 / 2	5 / 2	11:09
12	282	4	16/34	1	4 / 3	3 / 4	11:22
13	459	5	9/27	1	7 / 1	5 / 3	11:35
14	145	3	17/35	1	6 / -	5 / 1	11:50
15	292	4	13/31	1	5 / 2	6 / 1	12:01
16	324	4	4/28	1	5 / 2	5 / 2	12:14
17	505	5	6/26	1	5 / 3	7 / 1	12:27
18	136	3	15/32	1	4 / 2	4 / 2	12:42
IN	2569	35			18	19	12:53
OUT	2762	34			18	18	
	5331	69			36	37	GROSS
							H/C
							NETT

RESULT

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Write your total points in the RESULT box.

MARK GROSS SCORE ONLY. USE PEN OR DARK PENCIL

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	W
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				•						
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										•

Mark the player's gross score in the relevant box with a pen or dark pencil.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	W
		•								
				•						
			•							
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- Player must sign his card here.
- Marker must sign his card here.
- Failure to sign your card will result in disqualification.

Player: John Smith

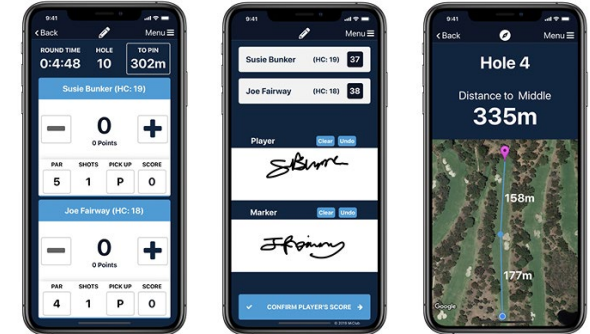
Marker: M Brown



Scoring in MiScore App



MiScore is an approved scoring method aligned with the 2019 rules of golf. To use the MiScore app for competition scoring, download MiScore from the App Store or Google Play Store. Add your home club “North Ryde Golf Club” and login using your membership username and password. As a member of North Ryde Golf Club your yearly subscription is part of your membership but when playing away you would need to pay a personal subscription.



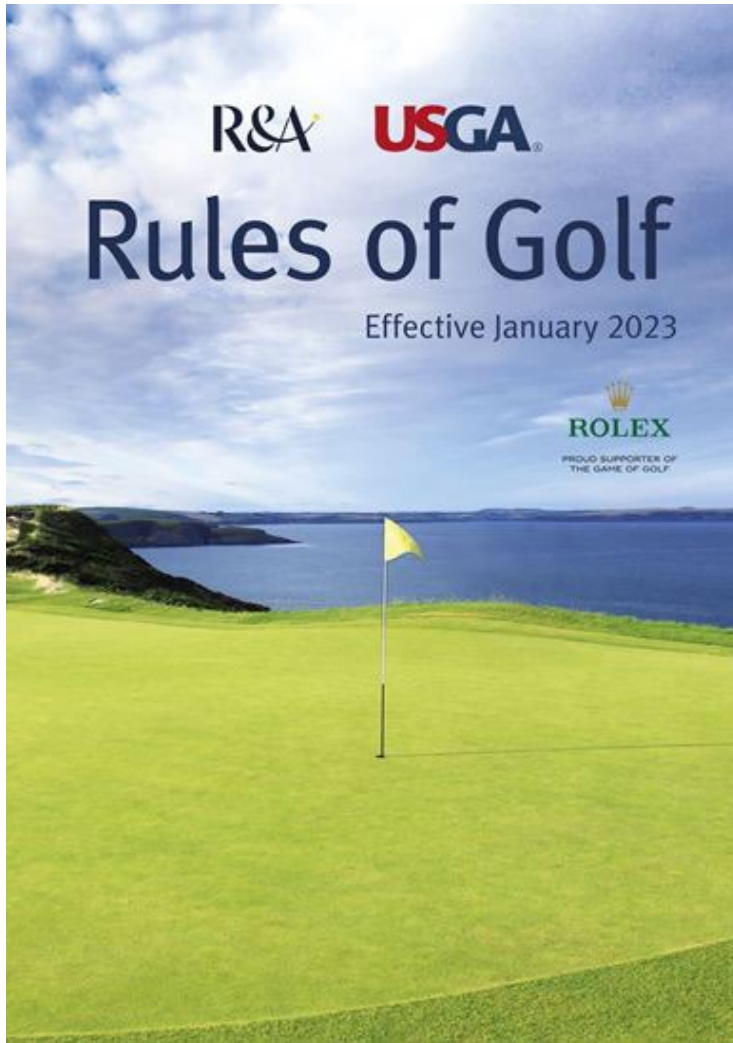
To begin using the app in a competition, simply select a playing partner in your group to mark for and then continue score entry. Score by applying a gross score value for each hole before swiping to the next. Enjoy scoring features like GPS distance measuring and pace of play round timer. When all scores are entered, validate the player results with digital signature and submit for verification.

See link below to youtube instruction video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0V3ZzLlako&feature=emb_logo



Rules of Golf



- ▶ Rules of Golf are determined by Royal & Ancient Golf Club (in St Andrews, Scotland) and the United States Golf Association.
- ▶ The latest Rule update came into effect on 1 January 2023.
- ▶ If new to Golf or need to brush up on the new rules we suggest you purchase a book available online from such places as Dymocks, booktopia or view online:
<https://www.randa.org/rog/the-rules-of-golf>
- ▶ Down load a copy: Click [HERE](#)
- ▶ View via downloading App:



Ten Minutes to a Better Course

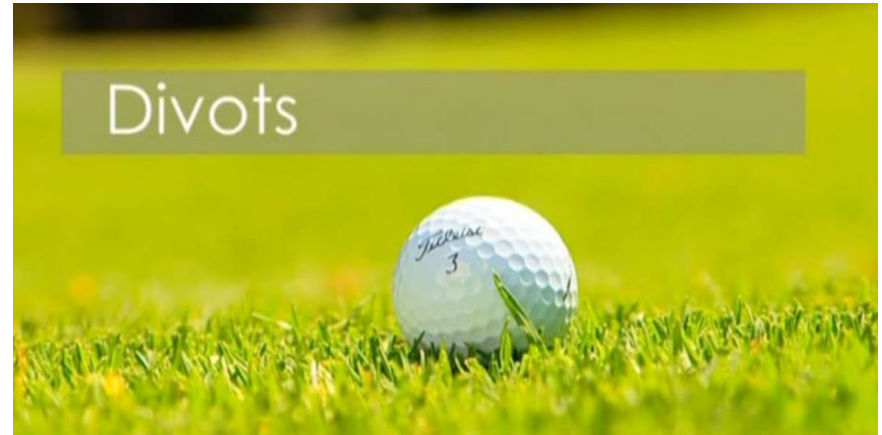


Bunkers



<https://youtu.be/AVPa2B07CsQ>

Divots



<https://youtu.be/y-Hah8tAtpU>

Pitch marks



<https://youtu.be/4C6GL0WIWcg>

Slow play



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbu8oUsoCQM>





Help us Look After YOUR Golf Course

- ▶ Rake your footprints when you have played from a bunker.
- ▶ Repair pitch marks your ball makes on the green.
- ▶ Repair your divots.
- ▶ Repair divots and pitch marks that others have left.
- ▶ Only play two golf balls when practising and only if you will not hold up any players behind you.



NRGC Pace of Play Policy



- ▶ The First 4 groups must complete their round in 3 hours and 40 minutes and must be no more than 20 minutes behind the group in front.
- ▶ The next 5 groups must complete their round in 4 hours and must be no more than 15 minutes behind the group in front.
- ▶ All following groups must finish no more than 12 minutes behind the group in front.
- ▶ For any group that exceeds the allowed time gap of the group in front, each player of the respective group will receive a letter saying that they didn't comply with the pace of play policy.
- ▶ If you are over 12 minutes behind the group in front on any 2 monitoring stations throughout the course, this is also a non-compliance of the Policy and each player in the group will receive a letter advising them that they didn't comply with the Policy.
- ▶ A member who receives three Warning Letters in a six-month period, will be required to play at the end of the field for one month.

Note: The Board of Directors may amend this policy throughout the year, please ensure you keep current via Members section of the website - Golf Documents.





Appendix 1

How to Book and Use the Online Timesheets

Summary of Timesheet Arrangements



- ▶ All competition timesheets are accessed online and booked through a Lottery Booking System.
- ▶ Timesheets become available at 6.00 pm on the following days except for Women's Tuesday & Thursday competition which opens at 5.00 pm (as shown below)

Competition	Format	Day timesheet available
Sunday	Mixed	6pm Tuesday (5 days before)
Monday	Veterans or Full Playing (Alternate week)	6pm Wednesday (5 days before)
Tuesday	Women's	5pm Thursday (5 days before)
Wednesday	Men	6pm Friday (5 days before)
Thursday	Women's	5pm Friday (6 days before)
Saturday	Men	6pm Monday (5 days before)



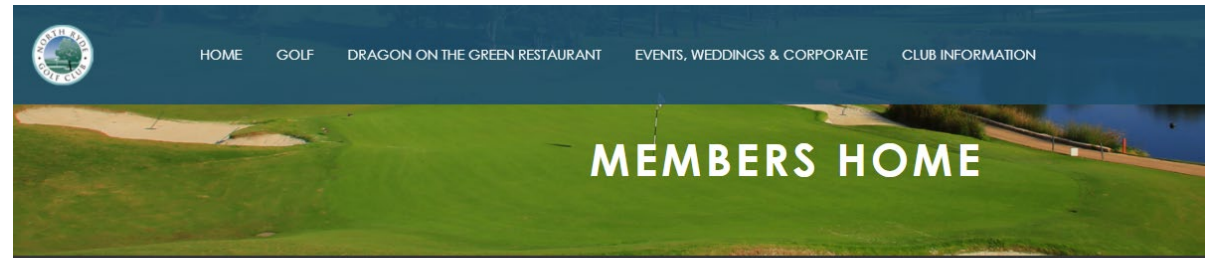


How to book competition tee-times on-line

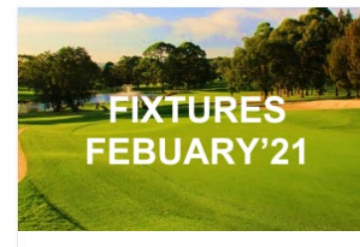
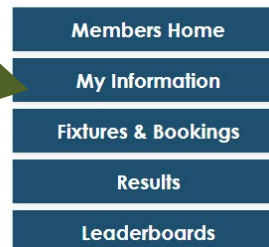
- ▶ Go to the Club's website: www.northrydegolfclub.com.au or open North Ryde Golf Club App
- ▶ Click on the MEMBERS (Members Portal on the App)
- ▶ Use your Membership Number and Password to log into the member's section.
- ▶ You can book-in a group or your own individual tee-time by logging in between 1/2hour to 5 minutes prior competition timesheet opening times (listed on prior page).
- ▶ If booking in a group, you must first set-up your DEFAULT GROUP prior booking, this can only be set up on the full website (not the North Ryde Golf Club App) see next page for full details.
- ▶ You can skip to page 29-30 for booking through the Lottery System.



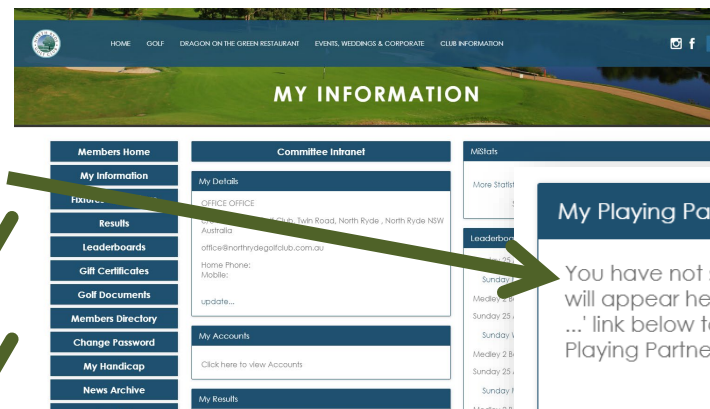
Setting up your default group



1. Click on "My Information"



2. Then scroll down page until you get to "My Playing Partners"



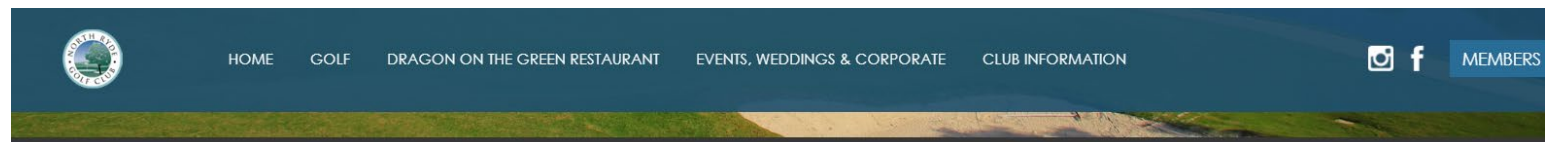
My Playing Partners

You have not setup your Default Group. When you do they will appear here. Click on the 'Change My Playing Partners ...' link below to setup your Default Group and/or your Playing Partners.

update...

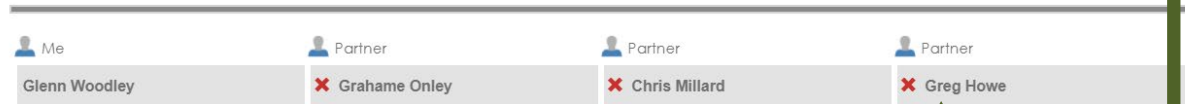


Setting up your default group cont.



Default Playing Group

Find/Add partners by typing their name or membership number in the search boxes, or select from the list of previous playing partners below



Select partners from the list below

Remove players from your group by clicking on the [X] next to their name. Add partners to the list by typing their name in any of the 'Find Partner' boxes above. Note: A maximum of 40 players can be added to this list.



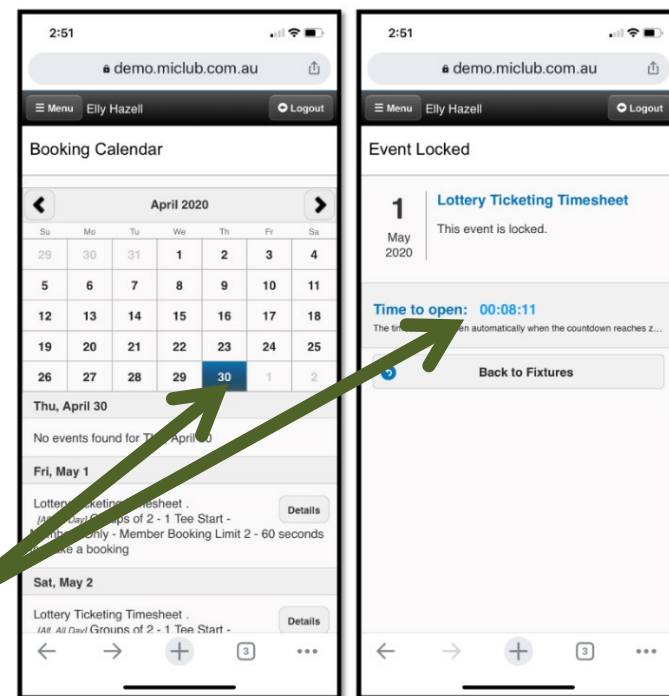
3. Search for the members you wish to book in with, by typing in their surname or member number. Their name will appear in the drop-down box.

4. Once you have set up your DEFAULT PLAYING GROUP click the BACK tab.



Lottery booking – How it works

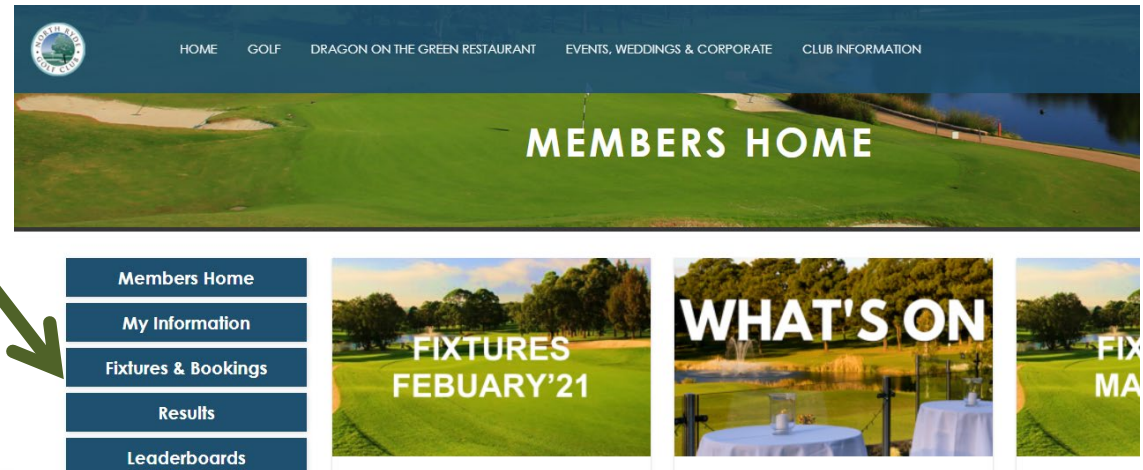
- ▶ To book your selected competition timesheet on the Website login through “Members” or on the App login through “Members Portal” and go to “Fixtures & Bookings” on the website and “Golf Bookings” on the App.
- ▶ Members can join the Lottery draw up to 30 minutes prior to the opening of the timesheet and will be allocated a ticket with a position number when the countdown timer reaches zero at 6pm.
- ▶ The ‘Lottery’ will send the first 5 members into the timesheet to make a booking, all others will get a ticket (a number) in the queue to enter the timesheet lottery.
- ▶ Once the lottery is complete and the timesheet is full, if you have not got on, then your ticket will expire and then you can click onto the waitlist for your waitlist spot. Remember to cancel a game if you cannot attend for any reason.
- ▶ Each Player can book their default group of four.
- ▶ You can only login on one device or one browser (If you try doing more than one it will lock you out all together).
- ▶ **If using your mobile or NRGCC mobile app** (image of screens to the right) – when you click onto bookings select the date, then select **Details** to access lottery timesheet. Keep the page open during the countdown until final bookings close.



Lottery Booking – How it Works Cont.



- ▶ **If using your Computer** (on the full Website)
- ▶ Click onto Fixtures & Bookings
- ▶ Click on Red Count Down Clock (Next to your competition date) to enter lottery draw



17/04/2019		Showing 30 Days	☐ Results ☐ Open ☐ Ladies ☐ Mens ☐ Weekends ☐ Matchplays			
Wed 17 Apr	OPEN 420 Available	STABLEFORD	All	All Day		
Thu 18 Apr	OPEN 420 Available	YARRA BEND GOLF BOOKINGS	All	All Day		
Fri 19 Apr	00:03:26 Join Draw 416 Available	STABLEFORD <i>Good Friday (PH)</i>	All	All Day		
Sat 20 Apr	OPEN 380 Available	YARRA BEND GOLF BOOKINGS	All	All Day		



Lottery Booking – How it Works Cont.

- ▶ Countdown clock will open and show you how much time before timesheet opens

You are in the draw to access the timesheet.
Please do not leave this page. If you open another browser window you may lose your position in the queue.

Opens in  **00:03:09**

- ▶ When the timesheet opens you will be given a ticket number in the lottery between 1 and how ever many players entering the Lottery at the time.
- ▶ You will be automatically be redirected to the booking page when your position reaches zero.

Due to heavy demand you have been placed in a queue.

 **Current Position : 4**

You will be automatically redirected to the booking page when your position reaches zero.

- ▶ Once the lottery is complete and the timesheet is full, if you have not got on, then your ticket will expire and then you can click onto the booking sheet and then into waitlist for your waitlist spot.

How to book a group online



[HOME](#) [GOLF](#) [DRAGON ON THE GREEN RESTAURANT](#) [EVENTS, WEDDINGS & CORPORATE](#) [CLUB INFORMATION](#)

FIXTURES & BOOKINGS

Members Home

My Information

Fixtures & Bookings

Results

Leaderboards

Golf Certificates

Golf Documents

Members Directory

Change Password

My Handicap

News Archive

Log Out

Golf Course Bookings

03:35:30 PM

BAR CLOSED THIS MONDAY 2nd SEPT.

Due to course renovations Club Bar is closed coming Monday the 2nd of September. The Bar will be apologise for any inconvenience.

☐ Results ☐ Open ☐ Le

31/08/2019 Showing 30 Days

31 Aug	CLOSED 75 Available	MEMBERS MEDLEY 2 BALL TEAM + INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD NO CARTS TODAY
	CLOSED 75 Available	SOCIAL PLAY NO CARTS TODAY
Sun 01 Sep	OPEN 17 Available	MEMBERS MEDLEY - 2 BALL TEAM + INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD Fathers Day
	OPEN 103 Available	SOCIAL PLAY
Mon 02 Sep	OPEN 0 Available	COURSE CLOSED GREEN RENOVATIONS
Tue 03 Sep	OPEN 0 Available	COURSE CLOSED GREEN RENOVATIONS

WEATHER

North Ryde

- Click on the “OPEN” tab to access the social timesheet on the date you wish to play. If you are accessing the timesheet for a competition game through the Lottery System click on the “RED COUNT DOWN CLOCK” to go into the Lottery prior to opening (Competition timesheet opening times on pages 16 & 26)



How to book a group online



 HOME GOLF DRAGON ON THE GREEN RESTAURANT EVENTS, WEDDINGS & CORPORATE CLUB INFORMATION MEMBERSHIP					
1st Tee Medley	08:03 am	Thomas, Geoffrey	Kim, Thomas	Baron, Keith	Allison, P
1st Tee Medley					
08:10 am 1st Tee Medley		Graeve, Norman	Rheinberger, Richard	Radovanic, Tom	Regan, Wayne
08:17 am 1st Tee Medley		Bow, Michael	Francis, Jeff	Canlas, Joel	Luff, Paul
08:24 am 1st Tee Medley	BOOK GROUP	BOOK ME	BOOK ME	BOOK ME	BOOK ME
08:31 am 1st Tee Medley		Ong, Lilian	Ong, Thomas	Tse, Peter	McErlane, Susan
08:38 am 1st Tee Medley		Shoebridge, Neil	Martin, Owen	Elphick, Jim	Walker, Gary
08:45 am 1st Tee Medley		McMillan, Geoff	Parsons, Dave	Bryant, Bob	Kitchen, Steven
08:52 am 1st Tee Medley	BOOK GROUP	Allsopp, Christine		Flores, Sonia	White, Jackie
			BOOK ME		

6. Select a tee-time for your Default Group by clicking **BOOK GROUP**

OR

Select a tee-time for yourself by clicking **BOOK ME**



How to book a group online



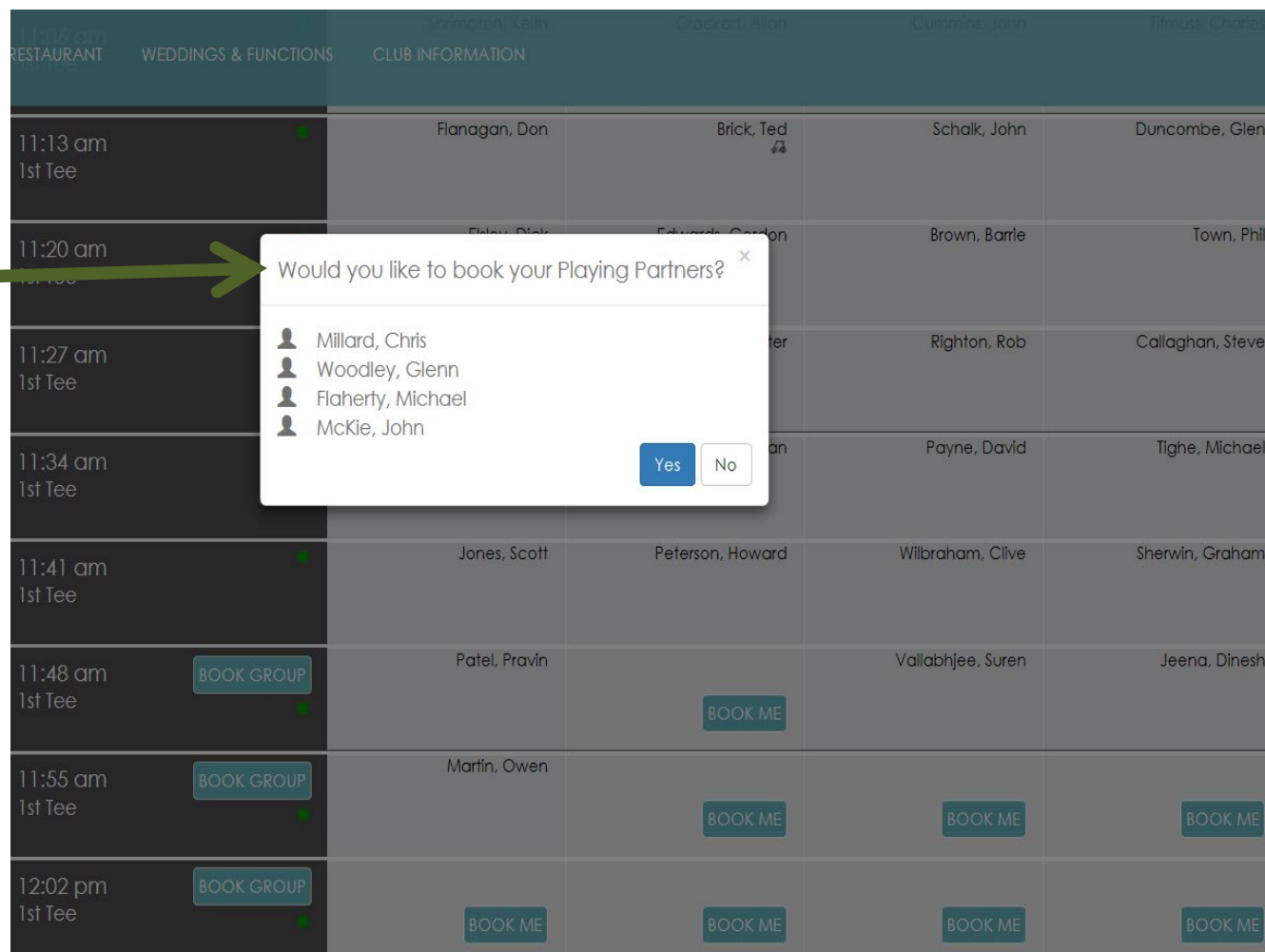
7. I have clicked **BOOK GROUP** for the 12:02 pm tee-time for my Default Group.

8. I receive this message?

9. I click **YES** to confirm the booking for my **DEFAULT GROUP**.

7. An email will be sent to you and your playing partners.

8. Always contact your play partners to let them know you have booked them in, particularly if they don't check their emails regularly!



The screenshot shows a booking interface with a table of tee times and player names. A pop-up message is displayed over the table, asking 'Would you like to book your Playing Partners?' with a list of names and 'Yes'/'No' buttons.

	Flanagan, Don	Brick, Ted	Schalk, John	Duncombe, Glen
11:13 am 1st Tee				
11:20 am 1st Tee				
11:27 am 1st Tee				
11:34 am 1st Tee				
11:41 am 1st Tee				
11:48 am 1st Tee	BOOK GROUP			
11:55 am 1st Tee	BOOK GROUP			
12:02 pm 1st Tee	BOOK GROUP			

Would you like to book your Playing Partners?

- Millard, Chris
- Woodley, Glenn
- Flaherty, Michael
- McKie, John

Yes No





Appendix 2

Summary of the Rules of Golf

Rules of Golf – General Points



Before starting your round you should:

- ▶ Read the Local Rules on the score card and the notice board.
- ▶ Put an identification mark on your ball.
- ▶ Count your clubs – you are allowed a maximum of 14 clubs ([Rule 4.1b](#))

During your round:

- ▶ Don't ask for "advice" from anyone except your partner or your caddy
- ▶ Don't give advice to anyone except your partner
- ▶ You may ask for information on the Rules, distances and the position of hazards, the flagstick, etc. ([Rule 10.2](#))
- ▶ Don't play any practice shots during play of a hole ([Rule 5.5a](#))
- ▶ Don't use any artificial devices or unusual equipment, unless specifically authorised by a Local Rule ([Rule 4.3](#))

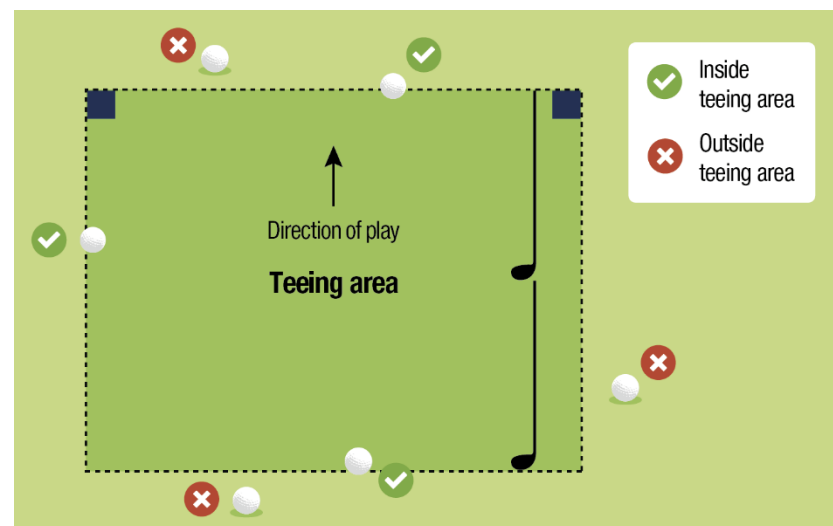
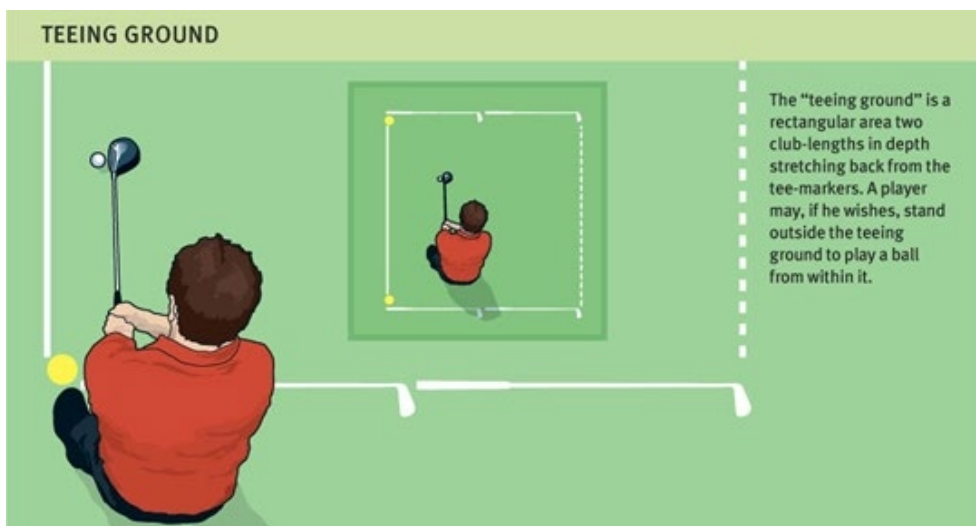
At the end of your round:

- ▶ Ensure your score card is completed properly (including being signed by you and your marker) and submitted as soon as possible



Rule 6.2 Tee Shot

- ▶ You may play your tee shot from up to two club-lengths behind the front line of the tee-markers.
- ▶ If you play your tee shot from outside this area:
 - Loss of hole in match play or two penalty strokes in stroke play. [Rule 6.2](#)



Rules 7, 9, 8, 12 & 6 Playing your Ball



Identifying your Ball [7.3](#)

- ▶ If you think a ball is yours but can't see your identification mark, after notifying your marker or opponent, you may mark the position of the ball and lift it to identify it ([Rule 7.3](#)).

Improving Area of Intended Stance

- ▶ Play the ball as it lies ([Rule 9](#)).
- ▶ Don't improve your lie, the area of your intended stance or swing, or your line of play by: moving, bending or breaking anything fixed or growing, except in fairly taking your stance or making your swing, or
- ▶ pressing anything down ([Rule 8.1a/8](#)).
- ▶ If your ball is in a bunker or a water hazard, don't: touch the ground (or the water in a hazard) with your hand or club before your downswing, or move loose impediments ([Rule 12.2b 1-3](#)).

Playing a wrong ball

- ▶ Penalty: Match play – loss of hole; Stroke play - two-stroke ([Rule 6.3c](#)).



Rules 13 On the Putting Green



On the Putting Green you may [\(Rule 13.1\)](#):

- ▶ Mark, lift and clean your ball (and replace the ball on the exact spot); and
- ▶ Repair ball marks and old hole plugs but not any other damage, such as spike marks [\(Rule 13.1b\)](#)

Flagstick [\(Rule 13.2\)](#)

- ▶ This Rule covers the player's choices for dealing with the flagstick. The player may leave the flagstick in the hole or have it removed (which includes having someone attend the flagstick and remove it after the ball is played), but must decide before making a stroke. There is normally no penalty if a ball in motion hits the flagstick.
- ▶ This Rule applies to a ball played from anywhere on the course, whether on or off the putting green.



Rules 9.4 Ball at rest moved



Ball at Rest moved ([Rule 9.4](#))

- ▶ Generally, when your ball is in play, if you:
 - accidentally cause the ball to move; or
 - lift the ball when not permitted, or
 - moves the ball after you have addressed it:

add a penalty stroke and replace the ball (but see exceptions under [Rules 9.1b, 9.3 & 9.6](#)).

- ▶ If someone other than you or your partner moves your ball at rest, or it is moved by another ball, replace your ball without penalty.
- ▶ If a ball at rest is moved by the wind or moves of its own accord, play it as it lies without penalty.



Rule 11 Ball in motion moved

Ball in Motion Deflected or Stopped ([Rule 11](#))

- ▶ Rule 11 covers what to do if your ball in motion hits a person, animal, equipment or anything else on the course. When this happens accidentally, there is no penalty and you normally must accept the result, whether favourable or not, and play the ball from where it comes to rest.
- ▶ If a ball in motion has been deliberately deflected or stopped by a player or if it hits equipment that has been deliberately positioned, there is normally a penalty and the ball must not be played as it lies. ([Rule 11.2](#))
- ▶ While a ball is in motion, you must not deliberately alter physical conditions or lift or move a loose impediment or movable obstruction to affect where the ball might come to rest. ([Rule 11.3](#))

BALL IN MOTION ACCIDENTALLY DEFLECTED



Rule 14 Marking, Lifting, Cleaning, Replacing & Dropping



- ▶ [Rule 14](#) covers when and how you may mark the spot of your ball at rest and lift and clean your ball and how to put it back into play so that your ball is played from the right place.
- ▶ When your ball has been lifted or moved and is to be replaced, the same ball must be set down on its original spot and must be marked ([Rule 14.1](#))
- ▶ A ball must be dropped straight down from knee height. “Knee height” means the height of a player’s knee when in a standing position. But the player does not have to be in a standing position when the ball is dropped. ([Rule 14.3b](#))
- ▶ When taking free relief or penalty relief, you must drop a substituted ball or the original ball in a particular relief area. Rule ([14.3c](#))
- ▶ You may correct a mistake in using these procedures before your ball is played, but you get a penalty if you play the ball from the wrong place. ([Rule 14.7](#))



Rules 14, 15, & 16 Relief Situations & Procedures



- ▶ You must play the ball as it lies, whether your ball is in a good lie or a bad lie, unless the Rules allow you to do otherwise.
- ▶ The Rules allow you to move natural objects like leaves and twigs, known as “loose impediments”.
- ▶ The Rules also permit you to lift and move your ball if you have interference from certain conditions.
- ▶ Sometimes you can move your ball without penalty, e.g. when you have interference due to an obstruction (a man-made object such as a road or path) or an abnormal ground condition (such as casual water and ground under repair)
- ▶ At other times, you may incur a penalty if you wish to move your ball, e.g. when your ball is in a water hazard.

[Rule 14.3](#)

[Rule 15.1](#)

[Rule 16](#)



Rule 15.3 Ball Assisting or Interfering with Play



You may:

- ▶ lift your ball or have any other ball lifted if you think the ball might assist another player, or
- ▶ have any ball lifted if it might interfere with your play.

You must not agree to leave a ball in position in order to assist another player.

[Rule 15.3](#)



Rule 15.1 Loose impediments

- ▶ A “Loose Impediments” any natural objects, including:
 - stones, loose grass, leaves, branches and sticks,
 - dead animals & animal waste
 - worms, insects and the like, and the casts and heaps, webs made by them

Provided it is not:

- attached or growing,
 - solidly embedded, or
 - sticking to the ball.
- ▶ Special Cases:
 - sand and loose soil are not loose impediments
 - dew, frost and water are not loose impediments
- ▶ A player may remove a loose impediment anywhere on or off the course, and may do so in any way (such as by using a hand or foot or a club or other equipment) without penalty.
 - But there are two exceptions where a penalty stroke would apply see full [Rule 15.1](#)

LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS



Rules of Golf

15.2 Movable Obstructions



- ▶ A Movable Obstruction is
- ▶ Movable obstructions located anywhere may be moved without penalty.
- ▶ If the ball moves as a result, it must be replaced without penalty.
- ▶ If a ball is in or on a movable obstruction, the ball may be lifted, the obstruction removed and the ball dropped, without penalty, on the spot directly under where the ball lay on the obstruction, except that on the putting green, the ball is placed on that spot.
- ▶ Movable Obstructions at NRGC include signs, stakes, ropes

[Rule 15.2](#)

MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS





Rules 16

Immovable Obstructions and Abnormal Ground Conditions

- ▶ An **Immovable Obstruction** is an artificial object on the course that cannot be moved (e.g. a building) or cannot readily be moved (e.g. a firmly embedded direction post).
- ▶ Objects defining out of bounds are not treated as obstructions.
- ▶ An **Abnormal Ground Condition** is Casual Water, **Ground Under Repair** or a hole, cast or runway made by a burrowing animal, a reptile or a bird.
- ▶ Except when the ball is in a water hazard, relief without penalty is available from **Immovable Obstructions** and Abnormal Ground Conditions when it physically interferes with the lie of the ball, your stance or your swing.
- ▶ You may lift the ball and drop it within one club-length of the **Nearest Point of Relief** but not nearer the hole.
- ▶ If the ball is on the putting green, it is placed at the nearest point of relief, which may be off the putting green.
- ▶ As an additional option when the ball is in a bunker, you may take relief from the condition by dropping the ball outside and behind the bunker under penalty of one stroke.

[Rule 16](#)



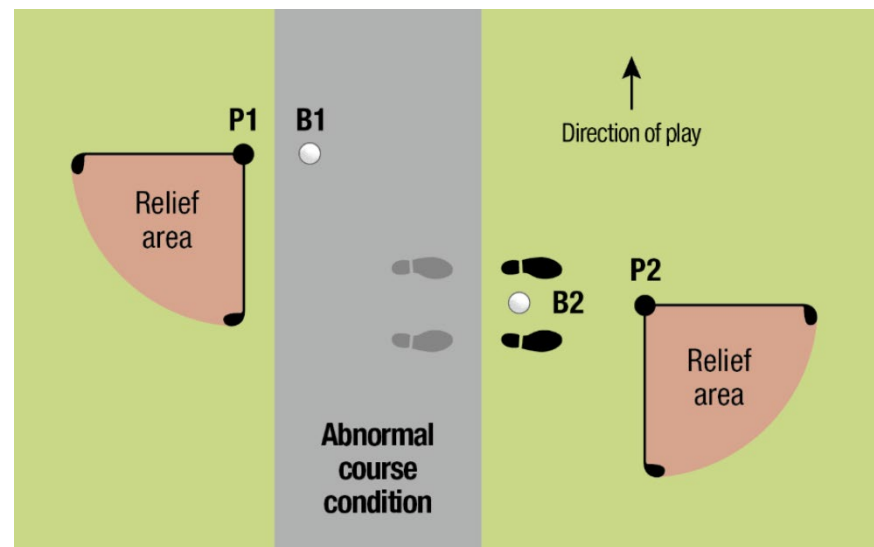
Rules 15.2a & 16 Free Relief



- ▶ **Free Relief** is the reference point for taking relief without penalty from interference movable and immovable obstructions and abnormal ground conditions.
- ▶ It is the point on the course nearest to where the ball lies:
 - That is not nearer the hole, and
 - Where there is no interference by the condition from which relief is being taken.
- ▶ To determine the **Nearest Point of Relief** accurately, the player should use the club with which he would have made his next stroke if the condition were not there to simulate the address position, direction of play and swing for such a stroke.

There is no free relief from an abnormal course condition when the abnormal course condition is out of bounds or your ball is in a penalty area.

[Rule 15.2a](#)
[Rule 16](#)



WHEN RELIEF IS ALLOWED FOR ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION

The diagram assumes the player is right-handed. (B1), or the condition interferes with the area of intended stance (B2) or swing. The nearest point of complete relief for B1 is P1, and is very close to the condition. For B2, the nearest point of complete relief is P2, and is farther from the condition as the stance has to be clear of the ACC.

See Rule [15.2a](#) and [Rule 16](#) for further diagrams on how to take free relief for movable obstruction, general area, bunker, putting green, and for embedded ball.



Rule 17 Penalty Areas (Water Hazards)



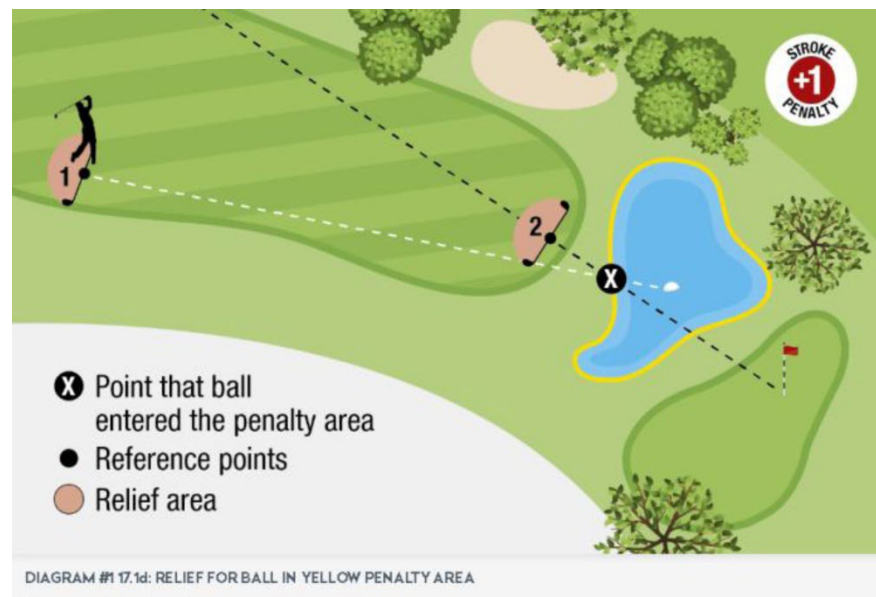
Penalty areas - bodies of water or other areas defined by the Committee where a ball is often lost or unable to be played. For one penalty stroke, you may use specific relief options to play a ball from outside the penalty area.

- ▶ There are two types of penalty areas:
 - Yellow penalty (defined by yellow stakes and/or lines); and
 - Red penalty water hazards (defined by red stakes and/or lines).

You may either play the ball as it lies without penalty or play a ball from outside the penalty area by taking penalty relief. [Rule 17.1b](#)

- ▶ Relief options if your ball is in yellow penalty area: [Rule 17.1d](#)

1. *Under penalty of one stroke*, you may take a stroke-and-distance relief - drop a ball from where you played your last shot, or
2. *Under penalty of one stroke*, you may take back-on-the-line relief - drop a ball any distance behind the water hazard keeping a straight line between the hole, the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard and the spot on which the ball is dropped.



Rule 17 Penalty Areas (Water Hazards)



- ▶ Relief options if your ball is in red penalty area:

[Rule 17.1d](#)

In addition to the two options on the prior page for yellow penalty area of 1. stroke-and-distance relief and 2. back-on-the-line relief :

3. *Under penalty of one stroke*, you may take lateral relief - Drop a ball within two club-lengths of, and not nearer the hole than the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard.

See [Rule 17](#) for further diagrams and details regarding penalty areas

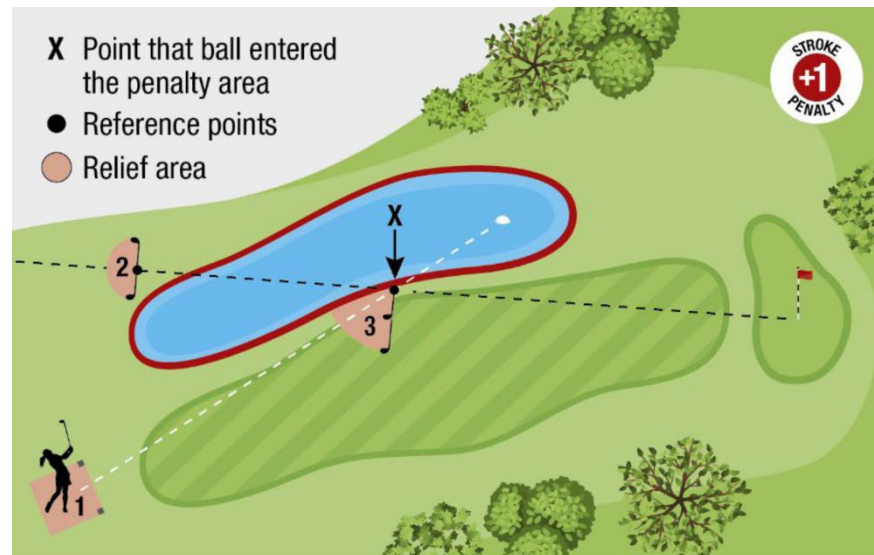


DIAGRAM #2 17.1d: RELIEF FOR BALL IN RED PENALTY AREA



Rules 18 Ball Lost or Out of Bounds & Provisional Ball



- ▶ If your ball is lost outside a **Water Hazard** or **Out of Bounds** you must play another ball from the spot where the last shot was played, under penalty of one stroke
- ▶ ***You are allowed 3 minutes to search for a ball.*** If it is not found within 3 minutes it is lost.
- ▶ If you think your ball may be lost outside a **Water Hazard** or **Out of Bounds** you should play a **Provisional Ball**.
- ▶ You must state that it is a **Provisional Ball** and play it before you go forward to search for the original ball.
- ▶ If the original ball is lost or out of bounds, you must continue with the provisional ball, under penalty of one stroke.
- ▶ If the original ball is found in bounds, you must continue play of the hole with it, and must stop playing the provisional ball.

[Rule 18](#)

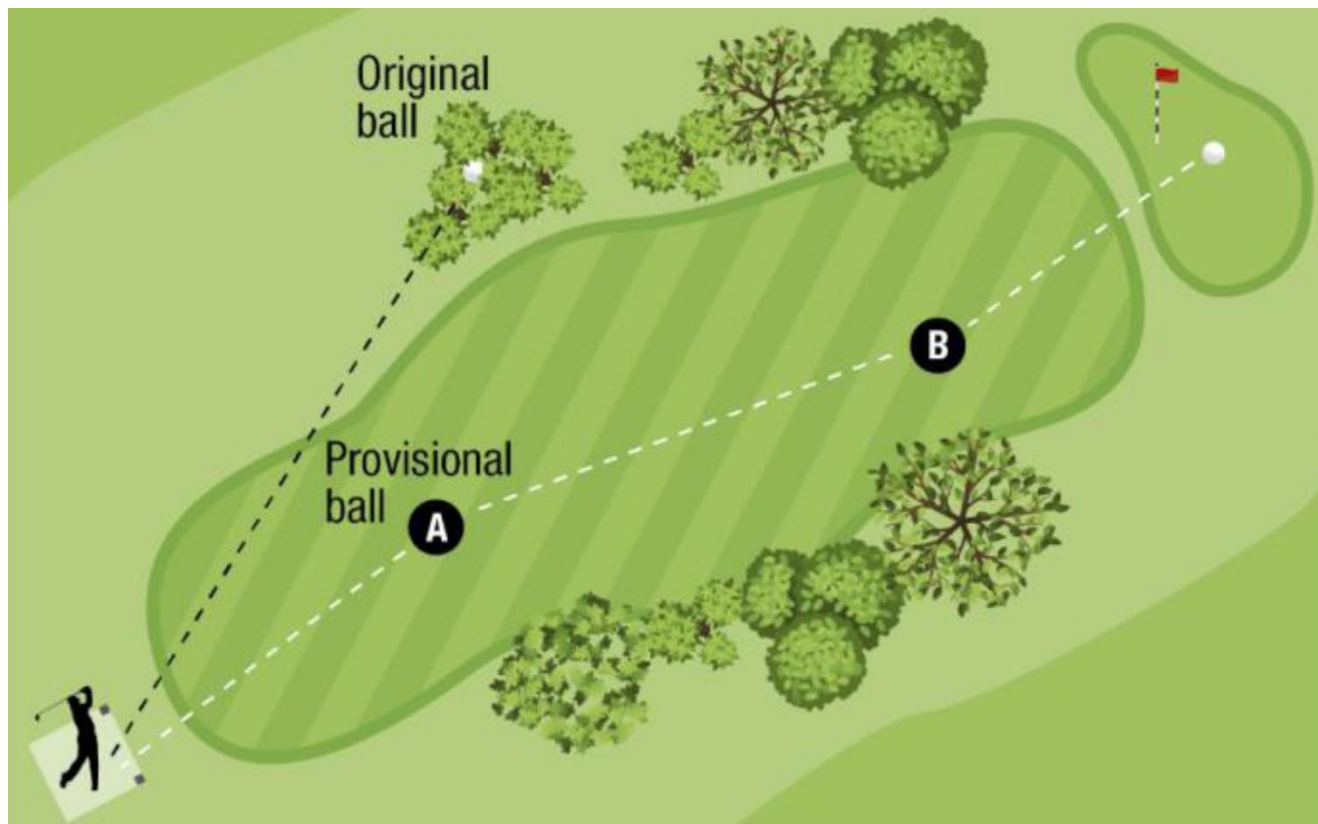


Rules 18 Provisional Ball



DIAGRAM 18.3c: PROVISIONAL BALL PLAYED FROM SPOT NEARER HOLE THAN WHERE ORIGINAL BALL IS ESTIMATED TO BE

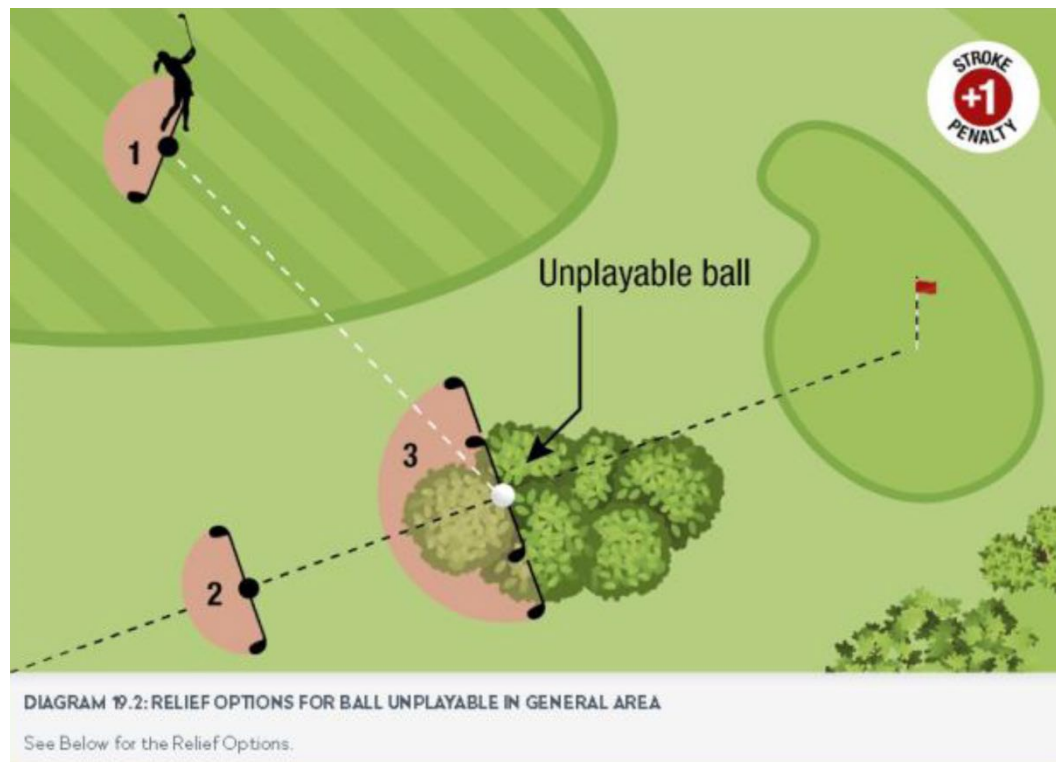
A player's original ball played from the teeing area may be lost in a bush, so the player announces and plays a provisional ball, and it comes to rest at point A. As point A is farther from the hole than where the original ball is estimated to be, the player may play the provisional ball from point A without it losing its status as a provisional ball. The player plays the provisional ball from point A to point B. As point B is nearer the hole than where the original ball is estimated to be, if the player plays the provisional ball from point B, the provisional ball becomes the ball in play under penalty of stroke and distance.



Rules 19 Ball Unplayable



- ▶ If you believe your ball is unplayable, you may under penalty of one stroke:
 1. you may take stroke-and-distance - relief play a ball from where your last shot was played, or
 2. you may take back-on-the-line relief - drop a ball any distance behind the point where the ball lay keeping a straight line between the hole, the point where the ball lay and the spot on which the ball is dropped, or
 3. you may take lateral relief - drop a ball within two club-lengths of where the ball lies not nearer the hole.



[Rule 19](#)

