

BALL DROP or DROPPING ZONE PROCEDURES
Appendix I- Specimen Local Rules,
Part B; Section 8.

- (1). The player does not have to stand within the Dropping Zone when dropping the ball.
- (2). The dropped ball must first strike a part of the course within the Dropping Zone.
- (3). If the Dropping Zone is defined by a line, the line is within the Dropping Zone.
- (4). The dropped ball does not have to come to rest within the Dropping Zone.
- (5). The dropped ball must be re-dropped if it rolls and comes to rest in a position covered by Rule 20-2c(i-vi)-When to Re-Drop.
- (6). The dropped ball may roll nearer the hole than the spot where it first struck a part of the course, provided it comes to rest within two club-lengths of that spot and not into any of the positions covered by (5).
- (7). Subject to the provisions of (5) and (6), the dropped ball may roll and come to rest nearer the hole than:
 - * its original position or estimated position (see Rule 20-2b);
 - * the nearest point of relief or maximum available relief (Rule 24-2, 24-3, 25-1 or 25-3):
or
 - * the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard or lateral water hazard (Rule 26-1).

A ball to be dropped under the rules must be dropped by the player herself. She must stand erect, hold the ball at shoulder height and arm's length and drop it. If a ball is dropped by any other person or in any other manner and the error is not corrected as provided in Rule 20-6, the player incurs a penalty of one stroke.

If the ball touches the player, her partner, either of their caddies or their equipment before or after it strikes a part of the course, the ball must be re-dropped, without penalty. There is no limit to the number of times a ball must be re-dropped in these circumstances.

WHEN TO RE-DROP

Rule 20-2c (i-vi)

A dropped ball must be re-dropped without penalty if it:

- (i) rolls into and comes to rest in a hazard;
- (ii) rolls out of and comes to rest outside a hazard;
- (iii) rolls onto and comes to rest on a putting green;
- (iv) rolls and comes to rest out of bounds;
- (v) rolls to and comes to rest in a position where there is interference by the condition from which relief was taken under Rule 24-2b (immovable obstruction), Rule 25-1 (abnormal ground conditions), Rule 25-3 (wrong putting green) or a Local Rule (Rule 33-8a, local abnormal conditions), or rolls back into the pitch-mark from which it was lifted under Rule 25-2 (embedded ball);
- (vi) rolls and comes to rest nearer the hole than:
 - (a) its original position or estimated position (see Rule 20-2b) unless otherwise permitted by the Rules; or
 - (b) the nearest point of relief or maximum available relief (Rule 24-2, 25-1 or 25-3); or
 - (c) the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard or lateral water hazard (Rule 26-1)

If the ball when re-dropped rolls into any position listed above, it must be placed as near as possible to the spot where it first struck a part of the course when re-dropped.

If a ball when dropped or re-dropped comes to rest and subsequently moves, the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply.

If a ball to be re-dropped or placed under this Rule is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.