

From: TTSGA Rules Committee  
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To: TTSGA Member Golfers

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RE: **Rules Clarification – Out of Bounds - Lost Ball – Sand Bunkers**

### **Lost Ball**

- 1) If your ball is lost in a marked penalty area, and not found within 3 minutes, use your best estimate of where it entered the penalty area, drop a ball 2 club lengths away from that penalty area and hit it with a 1 stroke penalty.
- 2) If your ball is lost in rough or grassy areas that have no penalty area markings and cannot be found in 3 minutes, determine in your best estimation the point where the ball crossed over or entered into that area, drop a ball within 2 club lengths of that point, no closer to the hole and hit, with a 1 stroke penalty.
- 3) If lost in a non-mowed area, use your best judgment to identify the area where the ball was lost, drop a ball 2 club lengths from that point into the next lower cut of grass, no closer to the hole and hit from that spot with a penalty of 1 stroke.

### **Out of Bounds**

If you think your ball may have gone out of bounds, here are your options.

- 1) You may declare and hit a provisional ball from that original spot. If you do not hit a provisional ball and later determine your original ball is, in fact, out of bounds, in the interest of pace of play, you cannot return to the original position for a provisional shot.
- 2) If your original ball is confirmed to be out of bounds, you must play your provisional ball if one has been hit.
- 3) If no provisional ball was played, you may drop a ball within 2 club lengths of where the ball crossed the out of bounds marker and hit from there. You also have the option of dropping a ball 2 club lengths into your own fairway. Either of these options are subject to a 2 stroke out of bounds penalty.

### **Sand Bunkers**

Unless indicated otherwise on the day of play, we will play out of the sand bunkers even though no rakes are available. If playing from the bunker, you can smooth the sand with your shoe or golf club, place the ball and hit it with no penalty.

If the bunkers are not fully maintained on the courses we play and no rakes available, if your ball comes to rest in the bunker, you may take it out and drop it within 2 club lengths behind the point where it entered and hit from there with a 1 stroke penalty.

### **Weather Conditions**

Should wet conditions require carts to remain on cart path, we will observe lift, clean and place during the round.