

CAPTAINS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. The clocks have finally moved forward and with it more opportunities to play golf.

Competitions:

Congratulations to everyone who won prizes in the recent cross country and March and April medals.

The participation rate in competitions has started to increase which is good news.

TVGC played their 1st match in the Gales over 50's KO I am pleased to report we won a closely fought match against Liphook GC 5-4. We play South Winchester in the next round.

The representative club matches will begin in earnest soon, if you wish to play for the Club please let the match organisers know when calling notices are sent out or posted on the club notice board

The old style order of merit ended on 31st Mar. Congratulations to the winner John Cogan.

Please see attached the latest Order of merit standings for the weekend competitions under the new format as previously notified.

Captain's charity:

We intend to shortly dredge the 15th hole pond for golf balls, as a bit of fun and an opportunity to raise funds for the Captain's charity there is a raffle being held to guess how many golf balls will be recovered there will be prizes of £120, £60 and £30. There is a poster in the Terrace Bar on the wall next to the PSI machine you can enter as many guesses as you wish at £1 a square, the monies will be deducted from your members account. The date of the draw will be announced shortly.

Course:

The course improvement work carries on at an impressive pace I hope you all agree they look great and the end result will be well worth the remaining patient whilst the new turf and ground under repair areas settle in.

Rules corner:

I have decided to include in each newsletter advice on how to apply some of the common rules in golf and how to avoid mistakes. This month is Lost Ball and Out of Bounds.

When a Ball Is Lost or Out of Bounds

(1) **When a Ball Is Lost.** A ball is **lost** if not found in three minutes after the player or his or her **caddie** begins to search for it.

If a ball is found in that time but it is uncertain whether it is the player's ball:

- The player must promptly attempt to identify the ball (see [Rule 7.2](#)) and is allowed a reasonable time to do so, even if that happens after the three-minute search time has ended.
- This includes a reasonable time to get to the ball if the player is not where the ball is found.

If the player does not identify his or her ball in that reasonable time, the ball is **lost**.

(2) **When Ball Is Out of Bounds.** A ball at rest is **out of bounds** only when all of it is outside the boundary edge of the **course**.

A ball is in bounds when any part of the ball:

- Lies on or touches the ground or anything else (such as any natural or artificial object) inside the boundary edge, or
- Is above the boundary edge or any other part of the **course**.

A player may stand **out of bounds** to play a ball on the **course**.

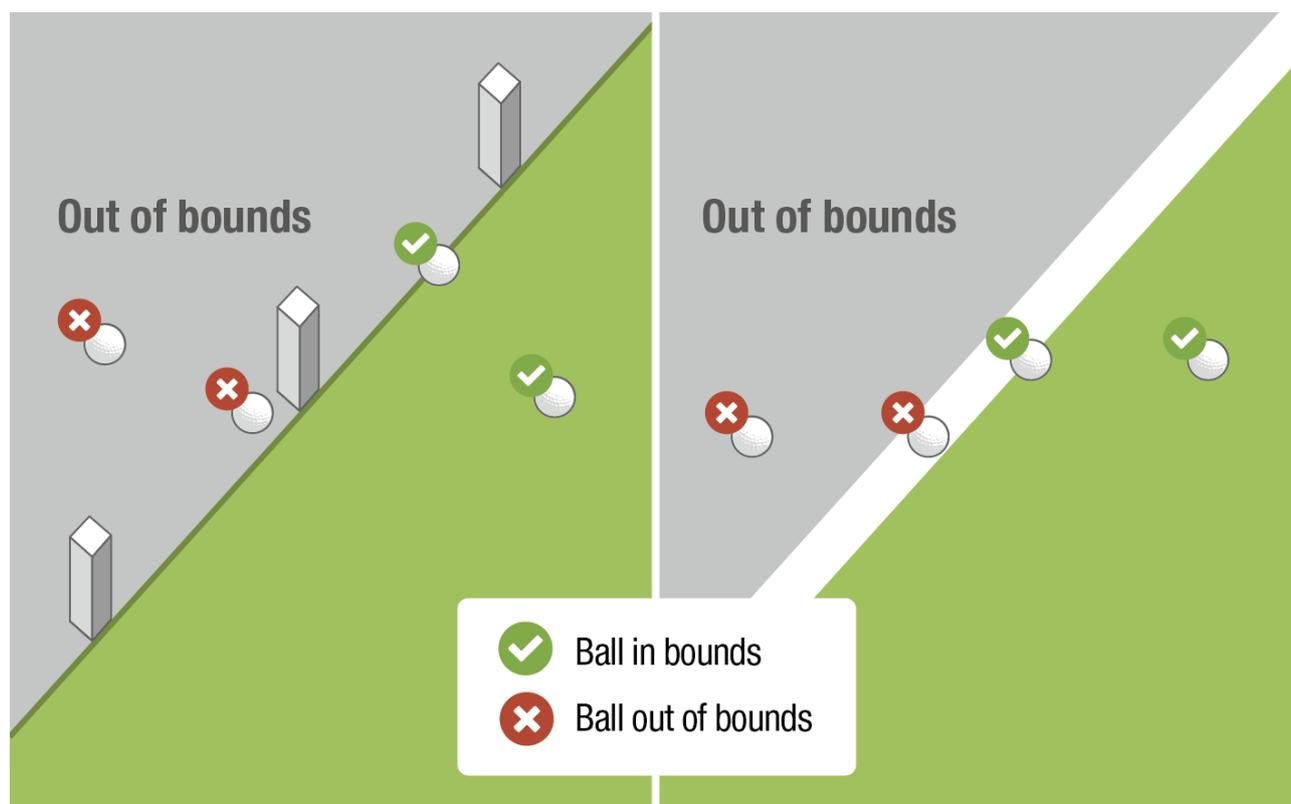


DIAGRAM 18.2a: WHEN BALL IS OUT OF BOUNDS

A ball is out of bounds only when all of it is outside the boundary edge of the course. The diagrams provide examples of when a ball is in bounds and out of bounds.

What to Do When Ball Is Lost or Out of Bounds

If a ball is lost or out of bounds, the player must take stroke-and-distance relief by adding **one penalty stroke** and playing the original ball or another ball from where the previous stroke was made (see [Rule 14.6](#)).

The rule changes in 2019 allowed a scenario (at the discretion of each club), where the ball could be dropped into play under a two stroke penalty at the point the ball crossed the out of bounds marker. The committee at Test Valley decided not to adopt that rule for competitions.

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