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“Local Rules” used by the Oak Grove Golf Group:

- If a player’s drive off the tee goes out of bounds the player can choose one of two options.

Option 1: The player must notify the grouping they are hitting a provisional ball and can hit another ball off the tee **with a one stroke penalty**, thus hitting three off the tee. If the original ball is found and is not out of bounds the player can play the original ball from where it lies without any penalty being applied, thus picking up their provisional ball. If the original ball is out of bounds the player must play the provisional ball and will be hitting their fourth shot.

Option 2: The player can take a drop at the nearest spot of the fairway where their drive approximately went out of bounds (within two club lengths of the edge of the fairway), no nearer the hole than where the ball approximately crossed the Out of Bounds line, **with a two-stroke penalty**. This means they will be hitting their fourth shot from that spot on the fairway. Whenever possible (and out of common courtesy) the approximate locations should be validated by another member in their grouping.

- If a player loses a ball after their tee shot, regardless of the ball going out of bounds or not, that player must drop the ball in the fairway (within two club lengths of the edge of the fairway, no closer to the hole) at approximately where the ball was anticipated to be, **with a two stroke penalty**. Whenever possible (and out of common courtesy) the approximate locations should be validated by another member in the grouping.

- If a player hits their ball in a penalty area and they locate their ball, they may hit the ball where it lies without any penalty. The player can also choose to take their ball outside the penalty area and drop it within one club length at approximately where the ball entered the penalty area, no closer to the hole) **with a one stroke penalty**. Or, the player may drop the ball in the fairway (within two club lengths of the edge of the fairway, no closer to the hole) at approximately where the ball entered the penalty area, **with a two-stroke penalty**. Whenever possible (and out of common courtesy) the approximate locations should be validated by another member in their grouping.

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