

Local Rule – Environmentally Sensitive Area, 16<sup>th</sup> hole.

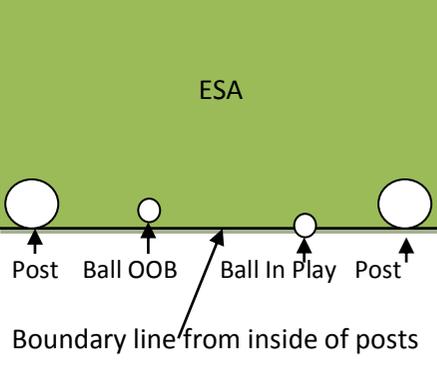
**ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA:** The area to the left-hand side of the 16th fairway, demarcated with white stakes with black tops, is classified “Environmentally Sensitive” and is OUT OF BOUNDS (OOB). Play is prohibited from this area, including standing in it.

If a ball is in the ESA area, the player must play a ball, under penalty of one stroke, as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule 20-5).

If the ball lies through the green and the ESA interferes with the player’s stance or the area of his intended swing, the player must take relief as follows: The player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of the nearest point that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids interference by the ESA. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

**Exception:** A player must not take relief if (a) interference by anything other than an ESA makes the stroke clearly impracticable or (b) interference by an ESA would occur only through the use of a clearly unreasonable stroke or an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing or direction of play. **Note:** the OOB posts and wires are not obstructions (as per the definition of OOB), and are not part of the ESA. If the ball is positioned such that the posts or wires make the stroke impracticable, relief may only be taken under Rule 28, Ball Unplayable, for a penalty of one stroke.

Illustrations:

<p>ESA interferes with stance, stroke is practicable if standing in the ESA: <b>MUST take relief.</b></p>	<p>Stroke Impracticable due to OOB post - relief from ESA not available. <b>Proceed under Rule 28, Ball Unplayable, or play as it lies standing outside the ESA</b></p>	<p>Play ball as it lies, by standing outside the ESA.</p>	<p>OOB definition: A ball is OOB when all of it lies OOB</p>
			 <p>Boundary line from inside of posts</p>

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