

Local Rule E-5. Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds:

When a provisional ball has not been played, the player may drop a ball in an area between the point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone out of bounds and the edge of the fairway of the hole being played (not nearer the hole). The player takes a two-stroke penalty when taking this relief option.

[USGA Local Rule E-5. We already have this rule. I just wrote the explanation so that it is a bit clearer. There is no need to "re-adopt" this one.](#)

Local Rule E-12. Ball Played from Outside the Relief Area When Taking Back-on-the-Line Relief:

When taking back-on-the-line relief there is no additional penalty if a player plays a ball that was dropped in the required relief area but came to rest outside the relief area, so long as the ball is within one club length of where it first touched the ground when dropped.

[USGA Local Rule E-12. This is a clarification for a rule that was originally written very poorly in the rule book. I believe that the USGA will be using this local rule for all their tournaments. Basically, it eliminates a potential 2 stroke penalty for a meaningless infraction. I highly recommend that we adopt this rule.](#)

In the event of a tie for Club Championship, the winner will be determined by a hole-by-hole playoff. If a playoff is not feasible, the method of matching cards will be used to determine the winner. The winner will be determined on the basis of the best score for the last 9 holes. If the players who are tied have the same score for the last 9, the winner will be determined on the basis of the last 6, the last 3, and finally the 18th hole.

[Tie Breaker. I rewrote this section to be in sync with the accepted USGA procedure for how ties are broken. There may need to be discussion on this one, but it is really a simpler procedure, and is aligned with USGA procedures.](#)