

When your ball comes to rest in a penalty area, you have several options how to proceed.

In the case of a yellow or red penalty area, without penalty, you can play the ball where it lies in this zone. You can ground your club and can touch or remove loose impediments, without causing the ball to move. (If the ball does move, then replace it with a one stroke penalty)

Otherwise in a yellow penalty area, with a one stroke penalty :

- (i) you can play a ball from the spot where the original ball was last played.
- (ii) you can drop a ball back on a line from the hole through the last point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area.
- (iii) if a Dropping Zone exists, you can drop a ball in this zone.

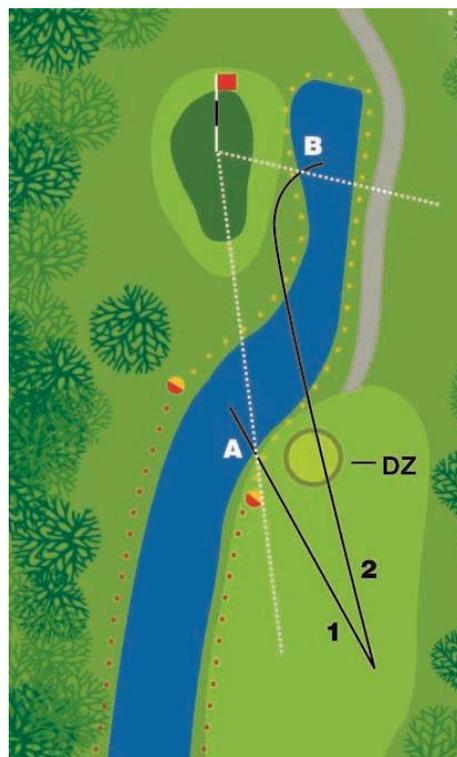
In the case of a red penalty area, as well as the options listed above :

- (iv) you can drop a ball within two club-lengths of the point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area.
- (v) if a Local Rule allows it, using a point equidistant from the hole, you can drop a ball on the opposite side of the red penalty area. At Maison Blanche this option is only available on hole number 9.

Here are a few examples from Maison Blanche to clarify these options:



Tee shot on hole 9



Approach shot on hole 9

Tee shot on 9 – Example 1 :

You can choose option (i) and since the last stroke was from the teeing area, you can use a tee. Or you can also choose option (ii) using A as a reference point.

Tee shot on 9 – Example 2 :

Even if your ball has not touched the ground on the fairway-side of the water, if it is certain that it has flown over land outside of the red stakes (as in the picture) you can choose option (iv) with B as your reference point. Options (i) and (ii) are also available.

n.b. If your ball hits a tree to the left of the red penalty area and then comes to rest in the red penalty area from the left hand side, this is the one occasion when option (v) can be used.

Approach shot on 9 – Example 1 :

You can choose option (i) or option (ii) using A and the white line as reference or you can choose option (iii).

Approach shot on 9 – Example 2 :

You can choose option (i) or option (ii) using B and the white line as reference or you can choose option (iii).