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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.

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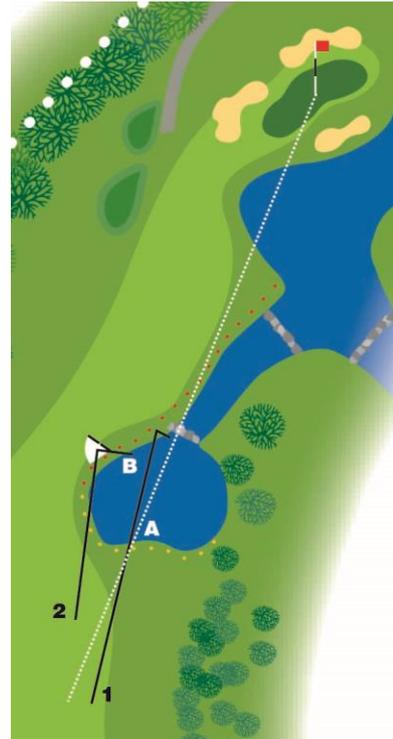
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Second stroke on no. 11
(picture 1)



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(picture 2)

Picture 1 - Example 1 :

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

Picture 1 - Example 2 :

If it is certain that your ball flew over land beyond the red stakes, as in the picture, you can choose option (iv) using point B as reference point. It is not necessary for the ball to have actually touched the ground on the fairway side. Options (i) and (ii) are also available, using point B, although this might leave a longer shot to the green.

Picture 2 – Example 1 :

You can choose option (i) or option (ii) using A as reference point. Even though the ball has cleared the water, it has not cleared the line of red stakes and so option (iv) is not available in this case.

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In this case, you can choose option (iv), since the ball has cleared the line of red stakes, before rolling back into the water. Options (i) and (ii) are also available, using point B as reference point.