

## The Rules Applied – Mar 2022

Today's rule addresses Holes 3 and 4 at DeBell . . .

*My approach shot crossed the ravine on Hole 3, and landed short of the bunkers on the right. Unluckily, it rolled backwards into the barranca. What are my options?*

Last month we discussed red-staked penalty areas, such as the barrancas at DeBell. There are however two areas at DeBell with yellow-staked penalty areas – in front of 3 green and just past 4 tee. Relief from these areas are slightly different than the red-staked areas.

In yellow-staked areas, you have 3 options: first you may play the ball from the penalty area, (grounding the club and moving loose impediments is ok); second, you may hit again from the point at which the original shot was played, incurring a 1 stroke penalty; lastly, you may take a drop straight back from the point of entry, also with a 1 stroke penalty. Under this last option, you determine the point of entry into the penalty area (in this case, that point would be on the green side of the ravine) and mark it. Determine a straight line from the hole to the point of entry and continue that line backwards (away from the hole) as far as you want. That line will take you back through the penalty area, away from the green. Once you determine your relief point, mark it with a tee and drop within 1 club length from that point. The ball must stay within 1 club length of your point of relief, and the drop must be no closer to the hole than your entry into the penalty area (but this will not be an issue if you have crossed the ravine).

*Can I just drop my ball on the green side of the ravine, within 2 club lengths, no closer to the hole, as I would do with other barrancas at DeBell?*

Unfortunately, no. You do not have that option. That is the difference between red-staked and yellow-staked penalty areas.

*What if my approach shot clears the ravine on the left side of Hole 3, but hits a tree and bounces back into the ravine?*

You'd have to determine your straight line back from the point of entry. This might put you on 4 fairway. In that case, the option of replaying the original shot might make more sense.

### Rule 17

