

FAQ 1: *What am I allowed to do if my ball lands on the stones in the hazard surrounding the island green?*

Applicable Rule(s): Local Rule 2 (Penalty Areas)

If a ball comes to rest in the penalty area of the island green hole the player has two options only: they may play the original or another ball from where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6) or play from the designated drop zone.

Answer:

What the local rule means is that you have two options (and only two options), both of which incur a penalty of one stroke. You may:

1. drop a ball as near as possible to the spot from where you played the ball that ended up in the water. This is commonly known as “Stroke and Distance”, or
2. drop the ball in the dropping zone (see also FAQ 2), or

You do **not** have the option that is normally available with a water hazard, namely going as far back as you wish on a line keeping the point at which the ball last crossed the boundary of the hazard in line with the hole. **Nor do you have the option of entering the hazard and playing the ball as it lies.**

If it was your tee-shot that ended up in the hazard and you elect to use the “stroke and distance” option instead of using the dropping zone, you may play the new ball from anywhere within the teeing ground and may tee-up the ball. Note that the “teeing ground” is the rectangular area two club-lengths in depth, the front and sides of which are defined by the outside limits of the two tee-markers.

An extreme example of this could be that you are over-zealous in putting a ball that is on the green and manage to send it all the way across the green and into the water. You still have only two options, at the cost of a penalty stroke, you either use the dropping zone, or you place another ball on the putting green (you never drop a ball on the putting green) as close as possible to where the previous ball was when you putted it.

Please be aware that the drainage ditch on the 13th hole is not part of the water hazard that surrounds the green and as such the “normal” rules for dropping the ball apply. If a ball lands in here, the dropping zone is **not** an option.