

SITUATION: Tom's ball disappears into a lake ...



QUESTION: What are Tom's dropping options as his ball is in the yellow penalty area?

ANSWER: Under penalty of 1 stroke, Tom can take a drop at the spot of his last stroke. Also with 1 penalty stroke, he can take a drop back on the line going from the hole through the entry point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area. Dropping within 2 club-lengths from the entry point is only an option if the ball is in a red penalty area. Rule 17.1d.

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