

SIMPLE RULES FOR BUNKER PLAY

We may not have many bunkers at Cooroy, but do you know your options if you happen to be in one.

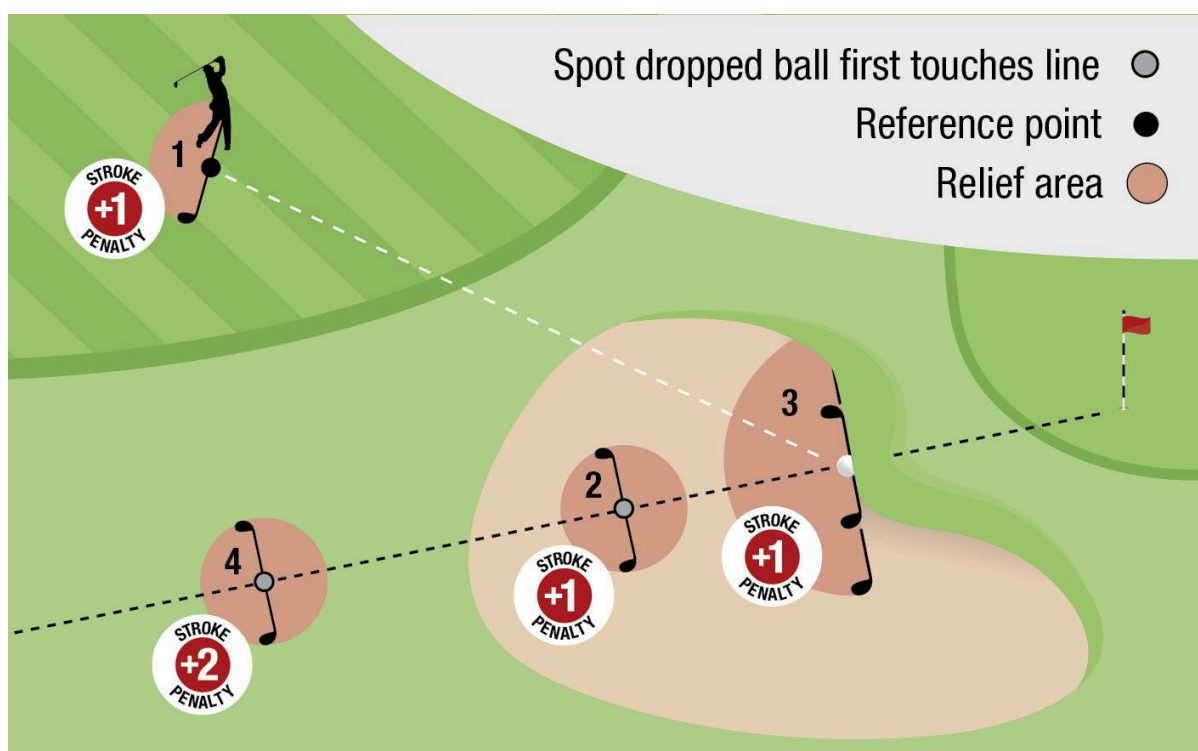
A few years ago, during a stroke round, I witnessed Con Russell have 15 shots trying to get out of the bunker on the right-hand side of the 18th green. He had other options but probably in the heat of the moment wasn't even thinking of that. Con did apply a nice coating of sand on that portion of the green, which could be why it is growing so well today.

What Con's options are now:

Well in the Vets competitions, we now have the 10-shot rule for stroke competitions, so he could have stopped after about 5 or 6 bunker shots. But this would have deprived him of quite a bit of exercise, and robbed his playing partners of a valuable language lesson.

If Con decides that his ball in a bunker is unplayable. He has **four options**:

1. For one penalty stroke, he may take stroke-and-distance relief.
2. For one penalty stroke, he may take back-on-the-line relief in the bunker.
3. For one penalty stroke, he may take lateral relief in the bunker.
4. For a total of two penalty strokes, he may take back-on-the-line relief outside the bunker.



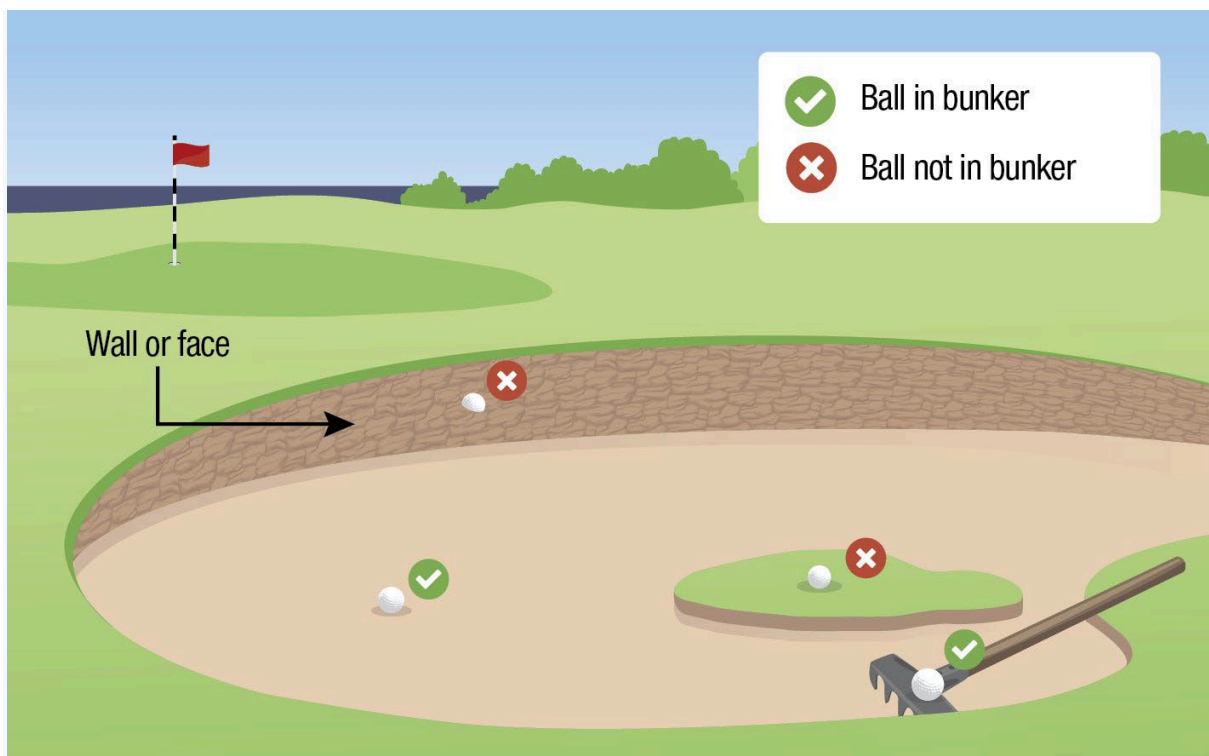
SIMPLE RULES FOR: WHEN IS MY BALL IN THE BUNKER

A ball is in a bunker when any part of the ball:

- Touches sand on the ground inside the edge of the bunker, or
- Is inside the edge of the bunker and rests:
 - On ground where sand normally would be (such as where sand was blown or washed away by wind or water), or
 - In or on a loose impediment, movable obstruction, abnormal course condition or integral object that touches sand in the bunker or is on ground where sand normally would be.

If a ball lies on soil or grass or other growing or attached natural objects inside the edge of the bunker without touching any sand, the ball is not in the bunker.

If part of the ball is in two specific areas of the course, it is treated as lying in the specific area that comes first in this order: penalty area, bunker, putting green.



Before playing a ball in a bunker, a player may remove loose impediments under [Rule 15.1](#) and movable obstructions under [Rule 15.2](#). This includes any reasonable touching or movement of the sand in the bunker that happens while doing so.