

Hoobie Rules

2. Dropping Your Ball Out of a Marked Hazard:

Hoobie Rule #2 (26)

The rule for Regular Marked Hazards (Non Lateral - YELLOW stakes and/or lines) and Lateral Marked Hazards (RED stakes and/or lines) is basically the same.

1. Hit another ball from the original position with one stroke penalty. Or:
2. Locate the point where the ball last crossed the hazard and keeping that point between the pin and the **spot where it last crossed** the hazard go back as far as you like while remaining through the green (or on the golf course) and drop with a one stroke penalty. *This is the area that seems to be violated most frequently. “Line of flight” means nothing. You can’t just find a nice place in the middle of the fairway and drop the ball. If you choose to drop out of the hazard you should determine where the ball last crossed it, locate that spot and on a line with the pin start backing up from there!* If you can’t or don’t like #2... do #1
3. The one variable... If it crosses a Lateral hazard (red stake or line) you have the option to drop within 2 club-lengths no closer to the hole. Remember, you can always do #1 and you may do #2 and that the main reason for a lateral hazard is because in most instances one can’t physically get on a line between the hazard and the pin. Red stakes aren’t just to make things nicer for golfers.

For a full explanation and all variables refer to:

<http://www.usga.org/playing/rules/books/index.html> Rule 26-1