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Hitting the Wrong Ball (must correct)	A or B
Playing from a Wrong Place	A, B, or J
Grounding Club in Penalty Area	C
Grounding Club/Touching Sand near Ball in Bunker Before Making a Stroke	A or B
Giving or Asking Advice	A or B
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- B. Loss of Hole - Match Play General Penalty
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- D. One stroke penalty and replay from where the ball was last played.
If MLR E-5 is in effect, please reference MLR E-5 in the Official Guided to the Rules of Golf.
- E. One stroke penalty and drop back-on-the-line relief from hole through lie of the ball.
- F. One stroke penalty and drop back-on-the-line relief from hole through where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area.
- G. No penalty - Free relief and drop a ball in lateral relief area of one club length, no closer to the hole.
- H. One stroke and drop a ball in lateral relief area of two club lengths from where the ball lies, no closer to the hole.
- I. One stroke and drop a ball in lateral relief area of two club lengths of where the ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area, no closer to the hole.
- J. Disqualification

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