A regular water hazard is marked with yellow. There are 2 options if you can't play the ball;

- 1 One stroke penalty and replay from where you played your last shot (the dreaded stroke & distance penalty)
- 2 One stroke penalty drop behind the hazard (as far as you want) keeping the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard directly between the hole and the point on which you drop the ball.

If the hazard is a lateral water hazard (marked red) and you can't play the ball, you have 4 options:

- 1 One stroke penalty and replay from where you played your last shot
- 2 One stroke penalty drop behind the hazard (as far as you want) keeping the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard between the hole and the point on which you drop the ball.
- 3 One stroke penalty drop within two club-lengths of the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard no closer to the hole
- 4 One stroke penalty if you can find a point on the opposite margin of the hazard that is the same distance from the hole as the point where you last crossed the margin, you can drop within two club-lengths of that point. Jeanne Myers

