New Provisional Rule

Holes #6 and #12

For the first stroke taken from the teeing area where the ball is in the penalty area proceed with Rule 17, Penalty Areas. For Hole # 6, if it cannot be determined if the tee shot is in the penalty area, a provisional ball should be played. For any subsequent strokes, including the teeing area, if the ball is in the penalty area or it is virtually certain that the ball is in the penalty area, the player may; (i) proceed under Rule 17 or (ii) as an additional option, drop a ball, under penalty of one-stroke, in the dropping zone. **Note: To improve pace of play a provisional ball may (and should) be played on these holes if the player is not certain that his ball has cleared the penalty area and remained beyond the yellow or red penalty lines.** This applies to both (i) and (ii) above. If the original ball is found in the penalty area within the three-minute search time the player may choose either; (a) play the original ball as it lies in the penalty area and the provisional ball must not be played. All strokes with that provisional ball, before it was abandoned, do not count or, (b) continue to play the provisional ball with a penalty of one stroke in which case the original ball must not be played.