

## New Rules 2019

Golf is being modernised by the R&A and USGA, bringing a host of changes to the current rules. The drivers behind the changes are:

- Making the rules easier to understand, especially for newcomers
- Speed up play

In summary, according to GolfRSA the main areas of change include:

### **Elimination or reduction of “ball moved” penalties:**

There will be no penalty for accidentally moving a ball on the putting green or in searching for a ball; and a player is not responsible for causing a ball to move unless it is “virtually certain” that he or she did so.

### **Relaxed putting green rules:**

There will be no penalty if a ball played from the putting green hits an unattended flagstick in the hole; players may putt without having the flagstick attended or removed. Players may repair spike marks and other damage made by shoes, animal damage and other damage on the putting green and there is no penalty for merely touching the line of putt.

### **Relaxed rules for “penalty areas” (currently called “water hazards”):**

Red and yellow-marked penalty areas may cover areas of desert, jungle, lava rock etc., in addition to areas of water; expanded use of red penalty areas where lateral relief is allowed; and there will be no penalty for moving loose impediments or touching the ground or water in a penalty area.

### **Relaxed bunker rules:**

There will be no penalty for moving loose impediments in a bunker or for generally touching the sand with a hand or club. A limited set of restrictions (such as not grounding the club right next to the ball) is kept, preserving the challenge of playing from the sand; however, an extra relief option is added for an unplayable ball in a bunker, allowing the ball to be played from outside the bunker with a two-stroke penalty.


### **Relying on player integrity:**

A player’s “reasonable judgment” when estimating or measuring a spot, point, line, area or distance will be upheld, even if video evidence later shows it to be wrong; and elimination of announcement procedures when lifting a ball to identify it or to see if it is damaged.

### **Pace-of-play support:**

Reduced time for searching for a lost ball (from five minutes to three); affirmative encouragement of “ready golf” in stroke play; recommending that players take no more than 40 seconds to play a stroke and other changes

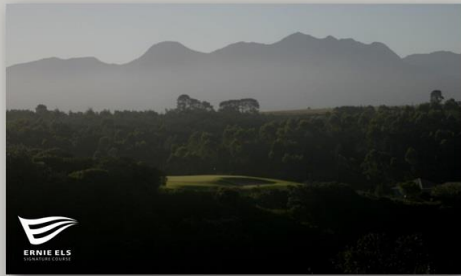





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## MEMBER-Guest

14, 15 December 2018





**ENTRY FEE: R1.500 PER TEAM** includes a welcome drinks and canapes on Thursday evening (13 Dec) at 18h00 at the clubhouse as well as prize-giving and dinner after completion of the golf, hosted in the Banqueting Room, Oubai Hotel on Saturday (15 Dec). The entry fee excludes Half Way House, applicable green fees and carts. Guests are welcome to the cocktail reception (R130 pp) and prize-giving (R300 pp). Please book as soon as possible to secure your place.

<b>14 Dec:</b>	<b>08h00 and 13h00 Shotgun Start (Better Ball)</b>
<b>15 Dec:</b>	<b>08h00 and 13h00 Shotgun Start (Combined Stableford)</b>

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Book with Thinus at [thinus@oubaigolf.co.za](mailto:thinus@oubaigolf.co.za). Only email entries will be accepted. Kindly email proof of payment to [maryke@oubaigolf.co.za](mailto:maryke@oubaigolf.co.za) to secure your entry
- The field will be limited to 100 members
- Entries close on 10 Dec or as soon as the field is full

## Upcoming events

- 10 November** - Melkemmer
- 12 November** - SCGU Ladies Awards Golf Day
- 16 November** - Glenwood House School Golf Day
- 24 November** - Bergies See Fun Day
- 13 December** - AGM
- 14-15 December** - Member-Guest

## Course news

The week started with some 23mm of rain. Excellent news especially after the recent fires. The rain has aided the recently applied fertiliser with growth showing all around the course. The rain also means that our bunkers will need some more attention.

We are also verticutting the greens in preparation for this weekend's Melkemmer Tournament. We continue to spray to control poa and hopefully eradicate polgras in due course.

We ask members to please repair their pitch marks and ensure that your fellow players repair their pitch marks.

## Results

Two clubs: Andries Breytenbach

Nearest the pin: Mike Griffiths and Carl Grobler

1st: Peter Galbraith 71 net  
2nd: Jan Steynberg 72 net  
3rd: Nick de Chalain 73 net

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## Hole more putts

### Roll your ball like a Tour Pro

Combine the correct putter loft with your angle of attack into the ball and you will notice immediate improvements on the greens. It is crucial to have loft at impact to lift the ball out of the depression its found in at address.



Which image illustrates you at impact?



**Having the incorrect hand or ball position for your putter's loft will cause:**

*Poor roll (bouncing).*

*Poor distance control.*

*Off-center strikes.*

*And failure to start the ball on line.*

### **Become a world class putter**

Starting the ball on your desired target line is directly impacted by how much loft you have at impact. Do you know if it's your putter or your technique stopping you from becoming a world class putter? Let us help you find out.

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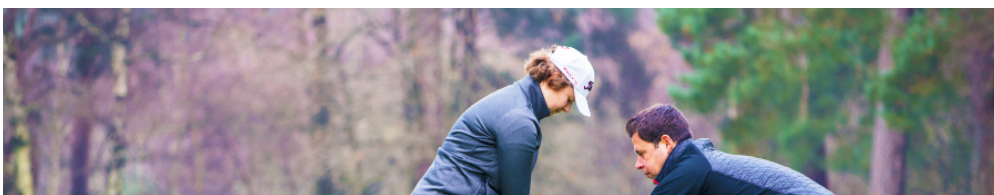
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### Getting better over 9

We want you to hit better shots more often; to invest some time in improvement; and enjoy that journey.  
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