



The New Rules: Good or bad?

The new rules have come in for some scrutiny in the professional tournaments around the world over the past couple of weeks. There's clearly clarification on the rules required in some cases.

Which of the rules is your particular favorite and which one seems the most pointless to you? [Let me know](#) what you think?

The USGA and R&A have introduced changes to many of golf's rules to make the game more enjoyable and the rules easier to follow. For more information, including diagrams and videos for each modernized rule, [please click here](#).



THE 20 MOST IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE RULES OF GOLF 2019

1. SEARCH TIME – REDUCED FROM 5 MINUTES TO 3 MINUTES
2. BALL MOVED DURING SEARCH – REPLACE NO PENALTY
3. EMBEDDED BALL – FREE DROP EXCEPT IN PENALTY AREAS, BUNKERS, SAND IN ROUGH
4. MEASURING A DROP – USE LONGEST CLUB (EXCEPT PUTTER)
5. DROPPING – DROP FROM KNEE HEIGHT RATHER THAN SHOULDER
6. TAKING A STANCE ON WRONG GREEN IS NOT PERMITTED
7. BALL UNINTENTIONALLY HITS PLAYER OR EQUIPMENT – NO PENALTY
8. DOUBLE HIT – NO PENALTY, NOW ONLY COUNTS AS THE 1 STROKE
9. TOUCHING SAND IN BUNKER INCIDENTALLY IS PERMITTED-BUT NOT ON BACKSWING
10. LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS CAN BE REMOVED ANYWHERE
11. DROPPING A BALL OUT OF BUNKER – 2 PENALTY STROKES

12. WATER HAZARDS – NOW CALLED “PENALTY AREAS”
13. TOUCHING GROUND IN PENALTY AREA – NO PENALTY
14. BALL MOVES ON GREEN AFTER BEING MARKED – REPLACE WITHOUT PENALTY
15. BALL ACCIDENTALLY MOVED ON PUTTING GREEN- REPLACE WITHOUT PENALTY
16. MOST DAMAGE TO GREEN CAN NOW BE REPAIRED-NOT AERATION HOLES
17. POSITIONING A CLUB FOR ALIGNMENT IS NOT PERMITTED
18. CADDIE ASSISTING WITH ALIGNMENT IS NOT PERMITTED
19. PUTT STRIKING FLAGSTICK LEFT IN HOLE IS NOW PERMITTED-NO PENALTY
20. BALL WEDGED AGAINST FLAGSTICK AND SIDE OF HOLE IS DEEMED AS HOLED

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