

2025 Clarifications

LOSS OF HOLE

When a rule violation that carries the General Penalty (loss of hole) is committed by one partner in Match Play, that player is out of the hole and her score cannot be used. Her partner's score is used to calculate the Team score.

Exception - If the rule violation helps her partner or hurts her opponent, or the player breached Rule 4.1b (limit of 14 clubs; shared, added or replaced clubs), then the General Penalty is applied to both players. Neither score can be used and the opponent receives a full point for both gross and net on that hole.

MOST LIKELY SCORE – PUTTS NOT HOLED

If your putt is conceded within inches, pick up your ball and add one stroke to your score. No need to record with an X. While the vast majority of conceded putts can be measured in inches, strategically conceded putts can be significantly longer than that, measured in feet or even yards. In that case, record your most likely score. If you pick up your putt (*not* conceded) add strokes based on your position on the green for your "most likely" score. In this case, record your score with an X.

POSTING SCORES

Team Play scores are posted as Away games. Captains are directed to deliver Team scorecards to their Club Handicap Chair to confirm scores were posted.

PRACTICE ON THE GREEN JUST COMPLETED

The Committee enacted Model Local Rule I-2 as a pace of play consideration. *Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.* General penalty applies - loss of hole.

ORDER OF PLAY - The basic rule is *order of play is based on which ball is farthest from the hole.* This is true through the general area and on the green. Captains cannot agree before the Match to override this rule.

Exception #1: the order of play can be modified by agreement between *opposing players* during the course of play. You and your opponent may agree that one of you will play out of turn for a particular stroke to save time (Rule 5.6b (2)). The agreement applies only to that stroke on that hole. Then you return to the basic order of play.

Exception #2: *Partners* may play in the order the Side considers best (Rule 23.6). When it is Partner A's turn to play (her ball is farthest from the hole) either Partner A or B may play next. Again, this is true in the General Area and on the green.

If you play out of turn, your opponent can recall the stroke and you need to hit again when it is your turn. You must hit again from where the first stroke was made. (Rule 6.4a) You do not count the first stroke and there is no penalty.