

**SUMMARY CHART: THE MAJOR CHANGES in the RULES of GOLF for 2019**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>NEW 2019 RULE</b>	<b>OLD RULE</b>
<b>Ball @ Rest Moved</b>	Player accidentally moves ball during search. (See how to replace below)	<b>No Penalty</b>	<i>1-Stroke Penalty</i>
	Player accidentally moves his ball or marker on putting green. Replace ball.	<b>No Penalty</b>	<i>1-Stroke Penalty</i>
	Standard for deciding player caused ball to move.	<b>Virtually Certain (95%)</b>	<i>More Likely Than Not</i>
	How to replace ball off the green when original spot isn't known.	<b>Place Ball on It's Estimated Spot</b>	<i>Drop ball near as possible</i>
<b>Ball in Motion</b>	Player's ball accidentally hits the player or outside influence, his caddie, person attending flagstick or the attended or removed flagstick.	<b>No Penalty</b>	<i>1-Stroke Penalty (except 2-Stroke if it hit flagstick or attendant)</i>
	Player accidentally hits ball more than once during stroke. Counts as 1 stroke	<b>No Penalty</b>	<i>1-Stroke Penalty</i>
<b>Dropping Procedure</b>	Where ball must be dropped.	<b>Drop in Defined Relief Area</b>	<i>Drop in specified area or on a spot or line</i>
	Where a dropped ball must come to rest.	<b>Must Come to Rest in Relief Area, If 2nd Drop Rolls Outside then Place</b>	<i>Must re-drop if rolls to any of 9 specified areas (such as more than 2 club-lengths)</i>
	Size of the relief area where ball must be dropped.	<b>Relief Area is Measured by 1 or 2 Club-Lengths (Longest Club in Bag except Putter)</b>	<i>1 or 2 Club-lengths (any club)</i>
	How to drop a ball.	<b>Dropped Straight Down from Knee Height (Height of Player's Knee When Standing)</b>	<i>Stand erect, hold ball at shoulder height and arm's length</i>
<b>Taking Relief</b>	Time allowed to search for lost ball.	<b>3 Minutes</b>	<i>5 Minutes</i>
	Substituting ball when taking relief	<b>Player May Always Substitute a Ball When Taking Relief</b>	<i>Player must use original ball, substituted ball allowed when taking penalty relief</i>
	Taking relief for ball embedded in its own pitch-mark	<b>Player May Take Relief Without Penalty for Embedded Ball Anywhere in the "General Area"</b>	<i>Relief allowed only in areas cut to fairway height or less</i>
	General Area is the new term for "Through the Green" which is all the area of the course except teeing area being		
<b>Putting Green</b>	Replacing a ball on the green when it moves after it was lifted and replaced.	<b>Ball Must Always be Replaced on Its Original</b>	<i>Ball is replaced only if player or outside agent</i>
	Repair damage on the putting green	<b>Player May Repair Almost Any Damage on Green</b>	<i>Player may only repair ball-marks or old holes</i>
	Player touches the line of putt or putting green.	<b>No Penalty as Long as it Doesn't Improve Conditions</b>	<i>2-Stroke Penalty</i>
	Putting with unattended flagstick left in hole	<b>No Penalty if Ball Hits Flagstick</b>	<i>2-Stroke Penalty</i>
<b>Penalty Areas</b>	Player moves loose impediments, touches ground with hand or club or grounds club in penalty area.	<b>No Penalty</b>	<i>2-Stroke Penalty</i>
	Elimination of the opposite side relief option for red penalty areas	<b>Player No Longer Allowed to Take Opposite Side Relief, unless Local Rule Allows</b>	<i>Player is allowed to take opposite side relief from a lateral hazard</i>

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<b>Bunkers</b>	Player moves or touches a loose impediment in a bunker when ball is in bunker	<b>No Penalty</b>	<i>2-Stroke Penalty</i>
	Player touches sand in bunker with hand or club when ball is in bunker	<b>No Penalty (except Testing Conditions, Practice Swing, Area in Front or Behind Ball or Backswing then 2-Stroke Penalty)</b>	<i>2-Stroke Penalty</i>
	Unplayable ball relief options.	<b>Player May Take Relief Outside Bunker Back on Line of Hole Through Ball for 2-Stroke Penalty</b>	<i>No relief outside bunker other than playing from where last stroke was made</i>
<b>Damaged Clubs</b>	Use of clubs damaged during round	<b>Player May Keep Using Any Damaged Club</b>	<i>Player may only use club damaged in "normal course of play"</i>
	Adding clubs to replace a club damaged during round	<b>Player May Not replace Damaged Club unless Player was Not Responsible</b>	<i>Player may replace a damaged club "unfit for play" and was damaged in 'normal course of play"</i>
<b>Pace of Play</b>	Recommendation on how to play promptly	<b>Recommends Players Make Each Stroke in No More Than 40 Seconds or Less</b>	<i>No recommendations given</i>
	Playing out of turn in stroke play	<b>No Penalty and "Ready Golf" is Encouraged</b>	<i>No penalty, but current rule implies it's wrong or not allowed</i>
<b>Local Rule</b>	Lost or out of bounds ball.	<b>Drop Ball @ Edge of Fairway. (See Website for More Details) 2-Stroke Penalty</b>	<i>Stroke and distance. 1-Stroke Penalty</i>
<b>Integrity</b>	Eliminating announcement requirements before lifting a ball under certain Rules	<b>When Player has Good Reason to Mark and Lift Ball Where Relief is Allowed He No Longer Needs to Announce</b>	<i>Before lifting the player must announce to another player and allow them to observe</i>