

Top 20 New Rules

- 1.) Search time—Reduced from five minutes to three minutes.
- 2.) Ball moved during search—Replace with no penalty.
- 3.) Embedded ball—Free relief anywhere through the green.
- 4.) Measuring a drop—Use longest club (except putter).
- 5.) Dropping—Drop from knee height rather than from shoulder height.
- 6.) Taking stance on the wrong green is no longer allowed.
- 7.) Ball unintentionally hits player or equipment—No penalty.
- 8.) Double hit—No penalty; now counts as only one shot.
- 9.) Touching sand in bunker incidentally is permitted.
- 10.) Loose impediments can be removed anywhere including hazards.
- 11.) Dropping a ball outside of a bunker—two 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.) All damage to green can now be repaired.
- 17.) Positioning a club for alignment is not permitted.
- 18.) Caddie assisting with alignment is now not permitted. (We don't care).
- 19.) Putting with flag stick in the hole is now permitted.
- 20.) Ball wedged against the flag stick and the side of the hole is deemed as holed.