

2019 Rules of Golf to Know



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NEW RULES OF GOLF STUDY

- ❖ Few more study sessions including
 - Brief history of revision to the rules of golf
 - 2019 Rules Modernizations
 - 2019 Rules of Golf Definition
 - 2019 Rules of Golf (2-3 sessions)
 - 2019 Rules of Golf Player Edition



RULES QUIZ – HOLE #1 – PLAYER EDDY

- ❖ The starting time is at 09H00. the order of play is Player C,B and Eddy. Eddy arrives at the tee at 09H01 after Player C but before Player B plays. And then Eddy hits his drive on the fairway.
- ❖ What is the rule

6-3. TIME OF STARTING AND

- a. Time of Starting - The player

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE

If the player arrives at his starting
penalty for failure to start on time
in stroke play.

Otherwise, the penalty for breach

Exception: Where the Committee
from starting on time, **there is no**



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PROPOSED CHANGES OF RULES OF GOLF

- ❖ March 1, 2017, the R&A and the USGA announced to modernise the rules of golf
- ❖ The changes are evaluated for 6 months worldwide
- ❖ The changes will be finalised in 2018 and take effect on January 1, 2019
- ❖ The proposed 24 new rules reduced from the current 34 rules
- ❖ The rules of golf are currently delivered in more than 30 languages



PROPOSED CHANGES OF RULES OF GOLF





HIGH LIGHTS OF THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

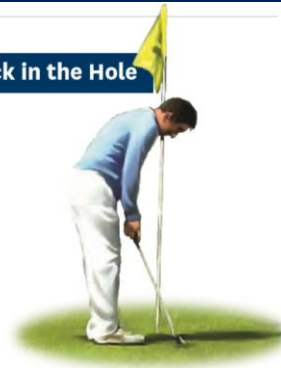
1. Elimination or reduction of “ball moved” penalties
2. Relaxed putting green rules
3. Relaxed rules for “penalty areas” (water hazards)
4. Relaxed bunker rules
5. Simplified way of taking relief
6. Pace-of-play support
7. Relying on player integrity

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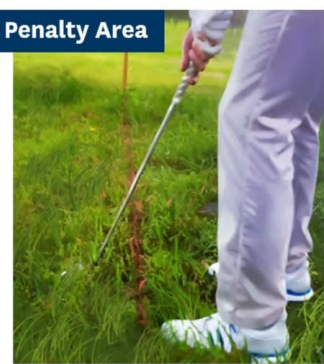
Leaving Flagstick in the Hole

If you make a stroke from on the green and your ball hits the flagstick in the hole, there will be no penalty.



Relaxed Rules in Penalty Area

You are allowed to ground your club and move loose impediments in a penalty area (an expanded concept of water hazards).

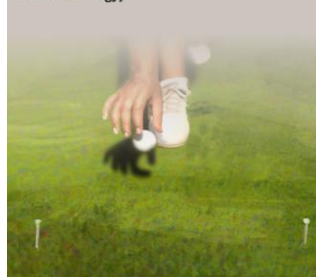


Time for Ball Search



Three minutes will be the maximum allotted time to search for a ball, rather than the current five minutes.

So long as you do all that can be reasonably expected under the circumstances to make an accurate estimation or measurement, your reasonable judgment will be accepted even if later shown to be wrong by other means (such as video technology).

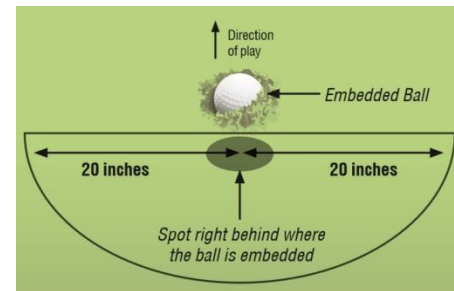


The proposed new Rules now directly address the high standards of conduct expected from players.



MATERIALS EXPLAIN THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

- ❖ Draft new rules of golf
- ❖ Draft player's edition for the new rules of golf
- ❖ Explanation for each major proposed changes
- ❖ Summary chart of major changes
- ❖ Videos and infographics





REVIEW AND SUBMIT FEEDBACK

Feedback

- 31 August 2017

The Rules of Golf

- 1 January 2019

Final Version

- Mid - 2018





RULES QUIZ – HOLE #1 – PLAYER EDDY

- ❖ Arriving at his ball, he picks up a cigarette butt moving his ball in the process. He cleans the ball and replaces it.

- ❖ What is the rule

24-1. MOVABLE OBSTRUCTION
movable obstruction:

- a. If the ball does not lie
ball moves, it must be
the ball is directly att

21 CLEANING BALL - A ball or

Elsewhere, a ball may be clean

- a. To determine if it is unfit
- b. For identification (Rule 1
- c. Because it is assisting or



Implementation Timeline



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IMPLEMENTATION TIME LINE – GOLF CANADA





CONTENT OF EACH PUBLICATION

1. Full Rules of Golf

- Golf Club Committees and Referees use this as primary Rules of Golf resource

2. Player's Edition of the Rules of Golf

- Mass produced and made available to all golfers worldwide, shorter in length than the Full Rules and written in the second person (i.e. it will refer to 'you', rather than "the player")

3. Guidebook

- Replaces the current Decisions on the Rules and will include the Full Rules, Interpretations on the Rules of Golf and Committee Procedures



2019 GOLF CANADA RULES OF GOLF SEMINARS

- ❖ The first series of workshops on the new Rules of Golf will be conducted in the Fall of 2018
- ❖ A second series of workshops scheduled during the Spring of 2019
- ❖ The two series of workshops will have different exams. This will allow anyone taking the exam in the Fall of 2018 to also take the exam given in the Winter of 2019, should there be a need or desire to do so
- ❖ The schedule for workshops on the new Rules will be published in the spring, with registration opening in the early summer
- ❖ Additionally, information about new tools and resources to support your learning of the new Rules will be provided in the coming months



TRY OUT IN 2018

- ❖ Players are encouraged to try out the proposed new rules in any unofficial events
- ❖ Scores from try out events will not be acceptable for handicap purpose





PROMOTE PACE OF PLAY

1. The proposed new rules will affirmatively promote pace of play (maximum time - 40 seconds) to play each stroke
2. Encourage to play “ready golf” in stroke play
3. Changes impact pace of play include
 - The simplified dropping procedure
 - Reduced time to search for a ball
 - Allowing committees to designate “penalty areas”
 - The option to leave the flagstick in the hole when putting



PROMOTE PACE OF PLAY



40 seconds



A recommendation in the Rules that you make each stroke in 40 seconds or less.



How to Drop a Ball

You will be able to drop a ball from any distance above the ground, provided it doesn't touch anything and falls through the air when dropped.



"Ready Golf"



Playing out of turn in stroke play to save time, also known as ready golf, is encouraged.





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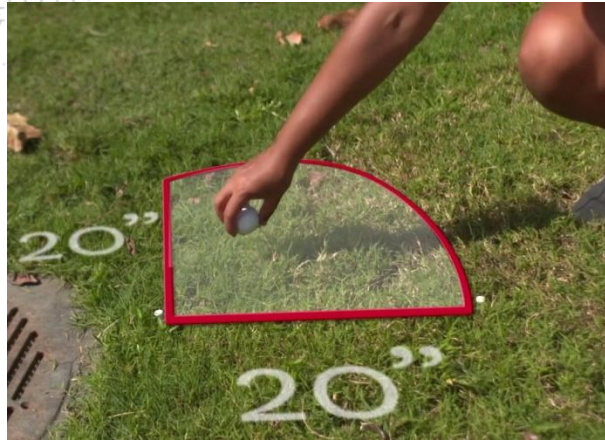
- ❖ On the green, he removes some dew but does not touch his ball. He sends his ball in the hole
- ❖ What is the rule

13-2. IMPROVING LIE, AREA OF

- ❖ A player must not improve
 - the position or lie of his
 - the area of his intended
 - his line of play or a reas
 - the area in which he is t
- ❖ by any of the following a
 - pressing a club on the g
 - moving, bending or bre
 - defining out of bounds)
 - creating or eliminating i
 - removing or pressing do
 - removing dew, frost or



Sample Rule – Relief from Abnormal Course Conditions



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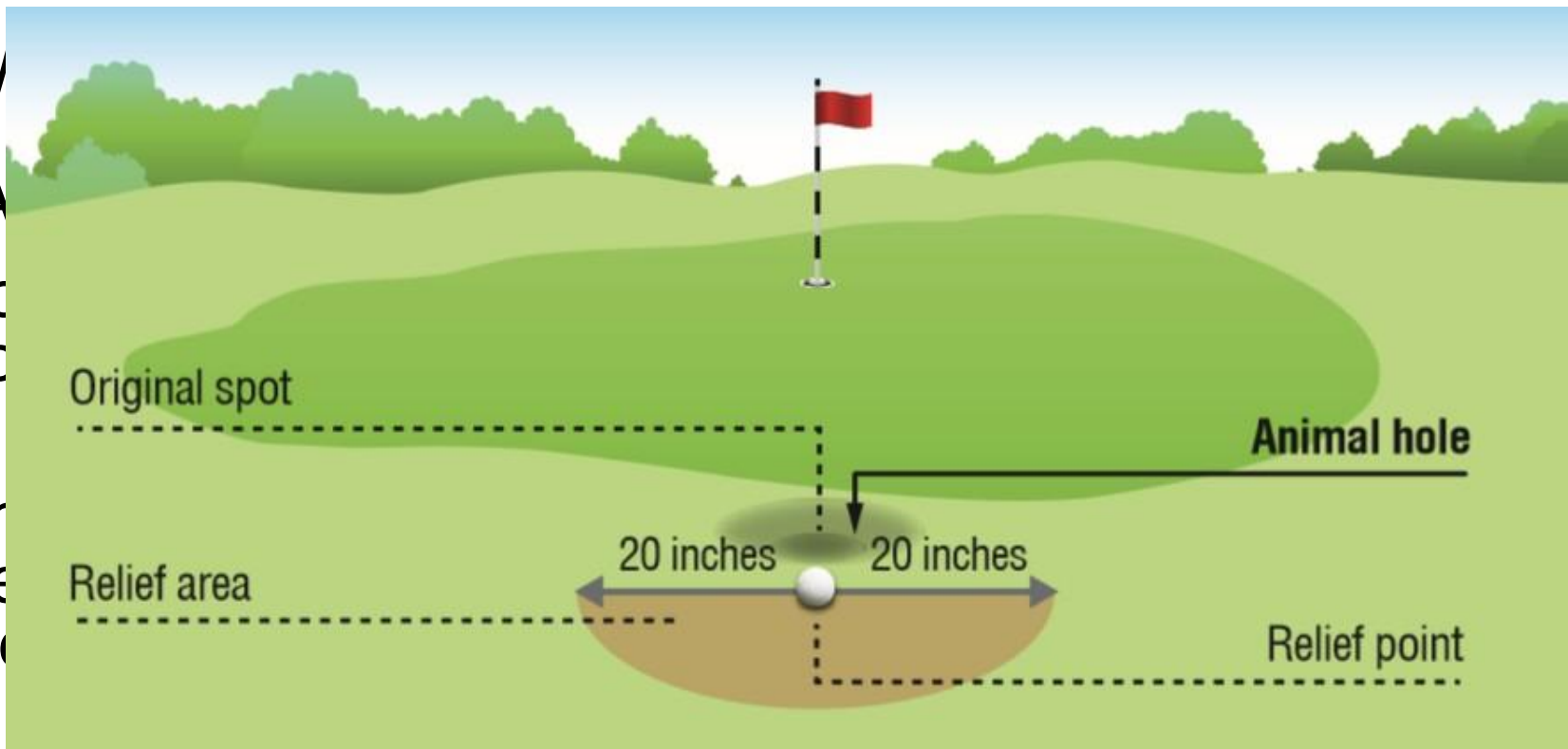
RELIEF FROM ACC IN GENERAL AREA

- ❖ When your ball lies in the general area and there is interference by an Abnormal Course Condition (ACC), you can take relief without penalty
- ❖ You should identify the nearest point of complete relief and then must drop a ball and play it from within 20 inches of that point
- ❖ The relief area must be in the general area, not nearer the hole, and provide complete relief from the interference



RELIEF FROM ACC IN GENERAL AREA

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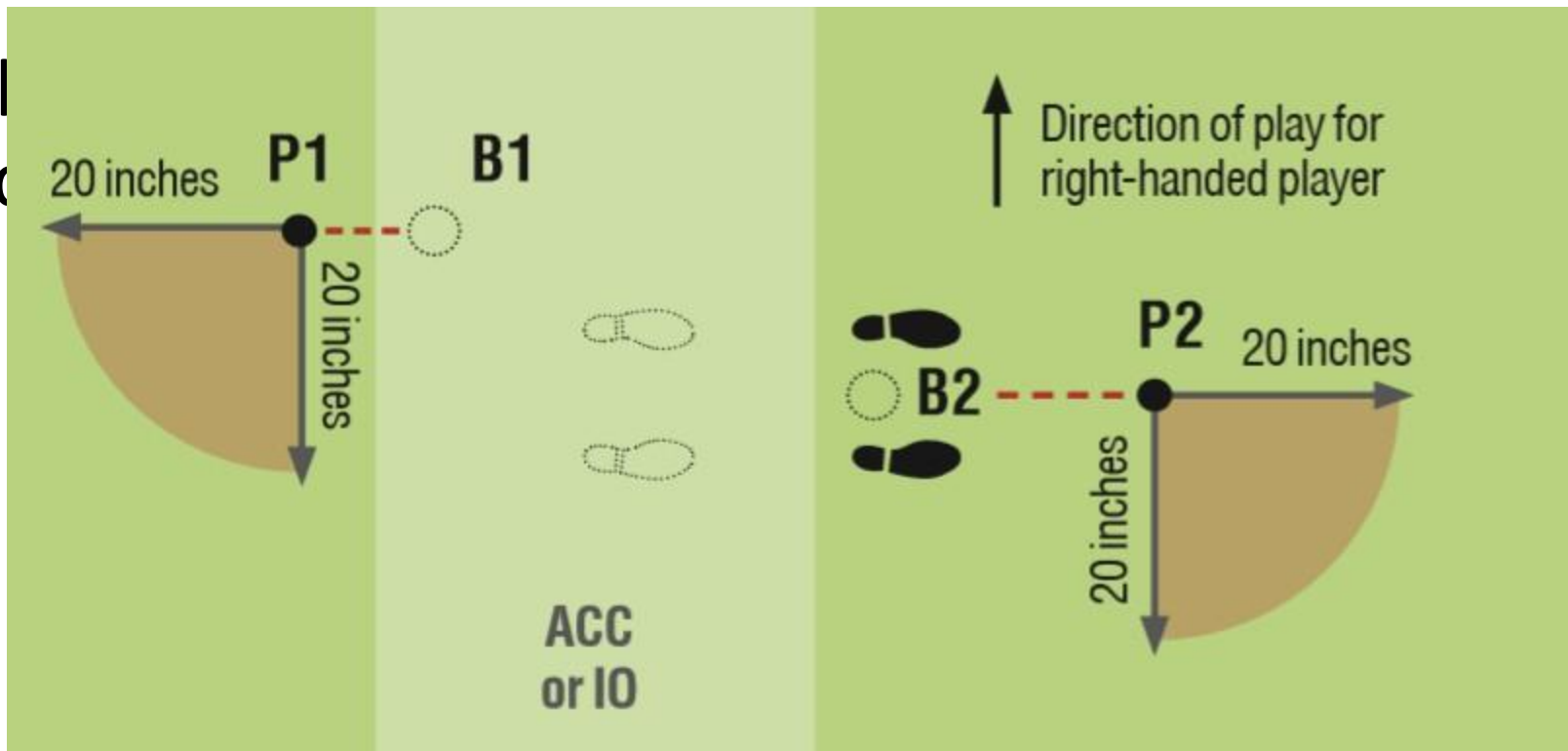
RELIEF FROM ACC AND IO

- ❖ Relief is allowed for interference by an ACC and Immovable Obstruction (IO),
 - when your ball touches or lies in or on the condition (B1), or
 - the condition interferes with your area of intended stance or swing (B2).



RELIEF FROM ACC AND IO

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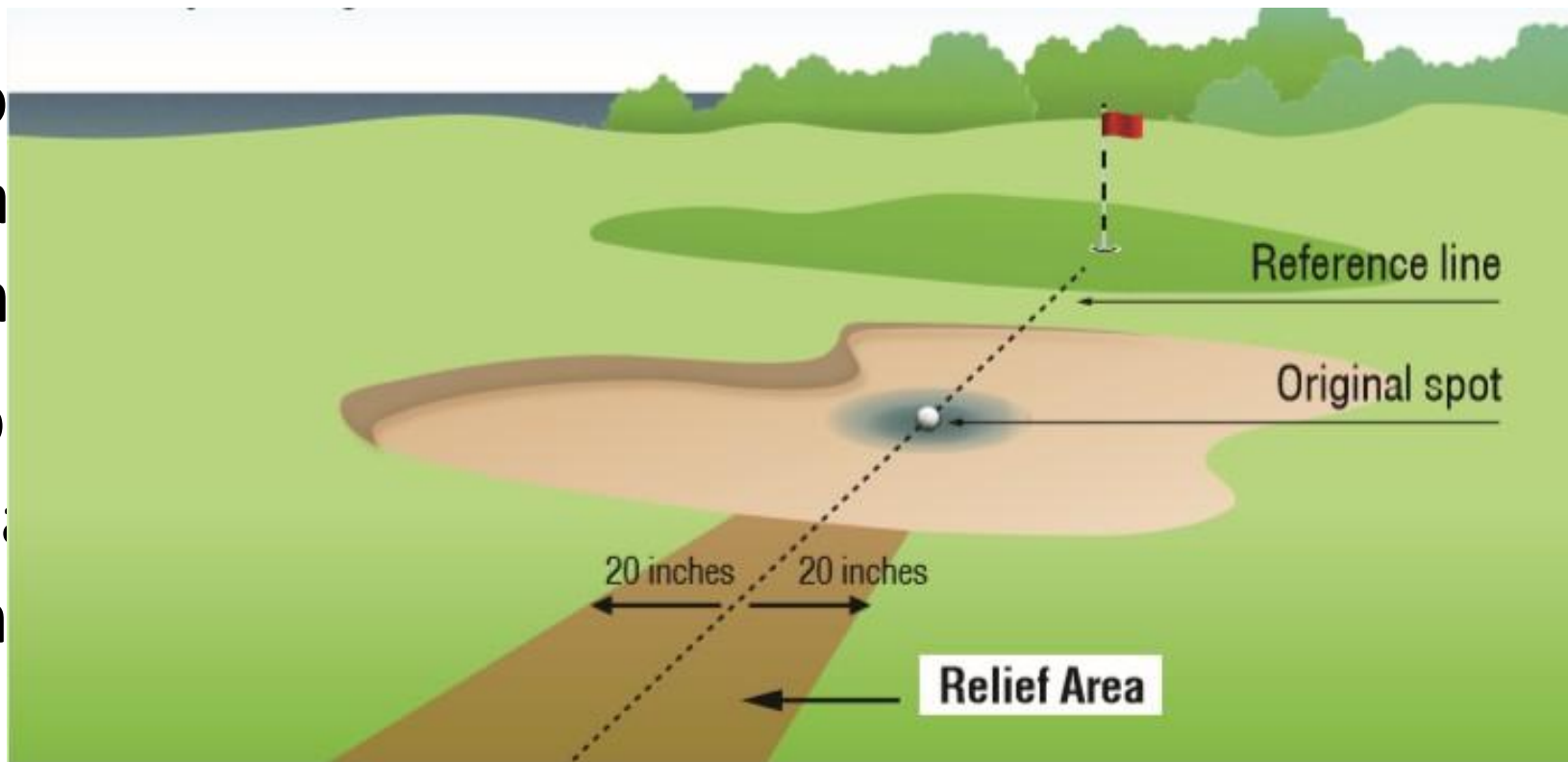
RELIEF WITH PENALTY FROM ACC IN BUNKER

- For one penalty stroke, you may drop original ball that was in the bunker, or a substitute ball, and play it from a relief area behind the bunker
- You may drop the ball within the relief area that is 20 inches on either side of the reference line.



RELIEF WITH PENALTY FROM ACC IN BUNKER

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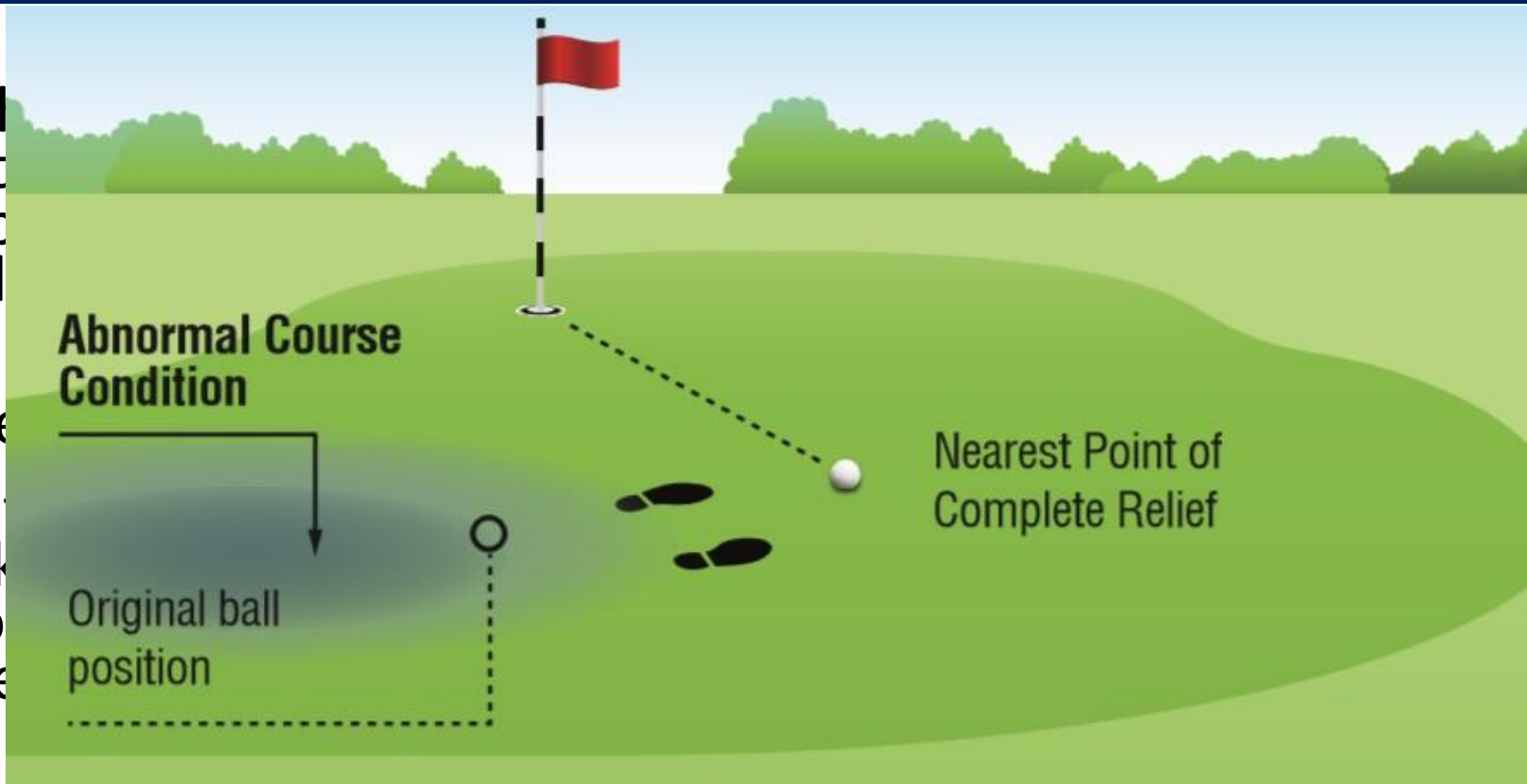
RELIEF FROM ACC ON PUTTING GREEN

- ❖ When your ball is on the putting green and there is interference by an ACC, without penalty you may place a ball on the spot of the nearest point of complete relief
- ❖ That point must be either on the putting green or in the general area
- ❖ If it is impossible to take complete relief, you may still take relief without penalty by placing your ball at the point of maximum available relief either on the putting green or in the general area



RELIEF FROM ACC ON PUTTING GREEN

- ❖ When a player's ball is in an abnormal course condition on the putting green, the player may take free relief without penalty.
- ❖ The relief is taken by moving the ball to the nearest point of complete relief.
- ❖ If the ball is moved to a point closer to the hole than the original position, the player must replace the ball to the original position.





RELIEF FROM EMBEDDED BALL

- ❖ When your ball is embedded in the general area, you may take relief without penalty using a Reference Point directly behind where your ball is embedded
- ❖ You must drop a ball in and play from a relief area within 20 inches of that reference point that is in the general area and is not nearer the hole





RELIEF FROM EMBEDDED BALL



Ball is embedded

Part of the ball (embedded in its own pitch-mark) is below the level of the ground.

← LEVEL OF GROUND



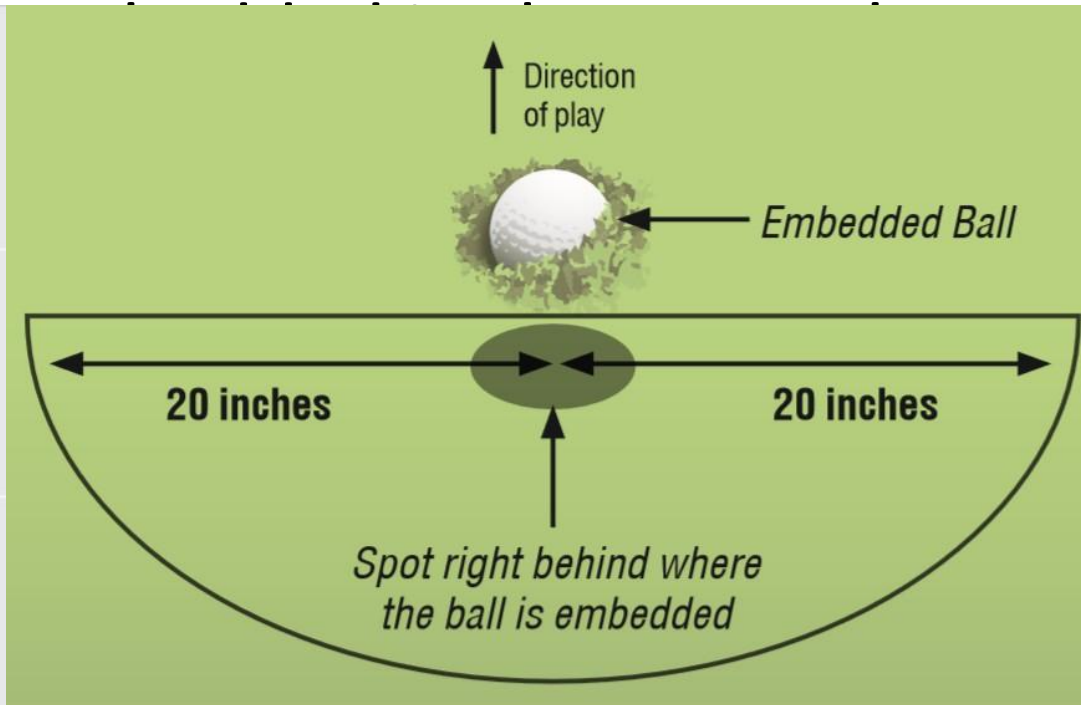
Ball is embedded

Despite the fact that the ball is not touching the soil, part of the ball (embedded in its own pitch-mark) is below the level of the ground.



Ball is NOT embedded

Even though the ball is sitting down in the grass, relief would not be available because no part of the ball is below the level of the ground.





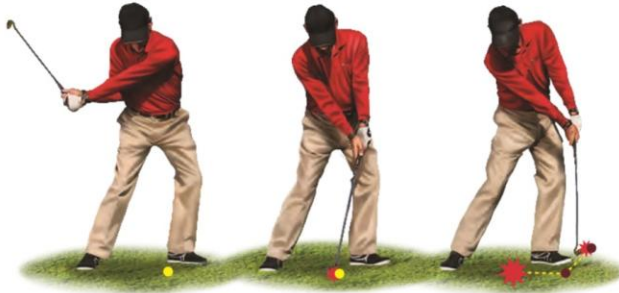
RULES HAVE NOT BEEN CHANGED

1. Double hit
2. Size of the hole
 - Holes in a standard round
 - Maximum number of clubs allowed
3. Clubs and balls
4. Ball in a divot hole

RULES HAVE NOT BEEN CHANGED

Double Hit

You still get a one-stroke penalty.



Clubs and Balls

These are part of a separate, ongoing review of the Equipment Rules.



Numbers that remain the same:

4¹/₄"

Size of
the hole

18

Holes in a
standard round

14

Maximum number
of clubs allowed



Ball in a Divot Hole

Playing the ball as it lies and accepting the lie you are given are fundamental to the game, whether your ball is in a divot hole on the fairway or you've got a great lie in the rough.





RULES QUIZ – HOLE #1 – PLAYER EDDY

- ❖ On arriving on hole #2, Eddy finds out he has 16 clubs in his bag instead of 14.
- ❖ What is the rule

Rule 4: 4-4. Maximum

- a. Selection and with more than
 - Match play – the
 - Stroke play – Two of the first two
 - Between the player next hole.



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QUESTION AND FEEDBACK

