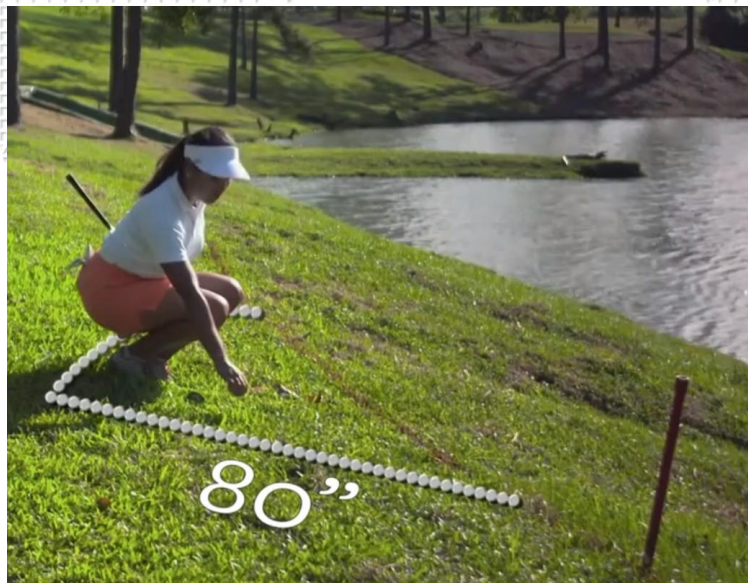


2019 Rules Modernization



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HIGHLIGHTS OF RULES MODERNIZATION

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- ❖ The Rules of Golf has been changed by the R&A and the USGA which will be implemented in January 1, 2019
- ❖ This presentation highlights some changes in the Rules of Golf
- ❖ The materials are copied from the R&A and the USGA



FIVE PRINCIPLE CHANGES ON THE PUTTING GREEN

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1. Putting with the flagstick in the hole
2. Repair any damages on the putting green
3. Touch the line of play on the putting green

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FIVE PRINCIPLE CHANGES ON THE PUTTING GREEN



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4. Without penalty when accidentally move the ball or ball marker on the putting green
5. After mark, when wind move your ball, replace the ball as accurately as you can



BALL LIES IN THE BUNKER

- No penalty for moving loose impediments If your ball is in the bunker





BALL LIES IN THE BUNKER

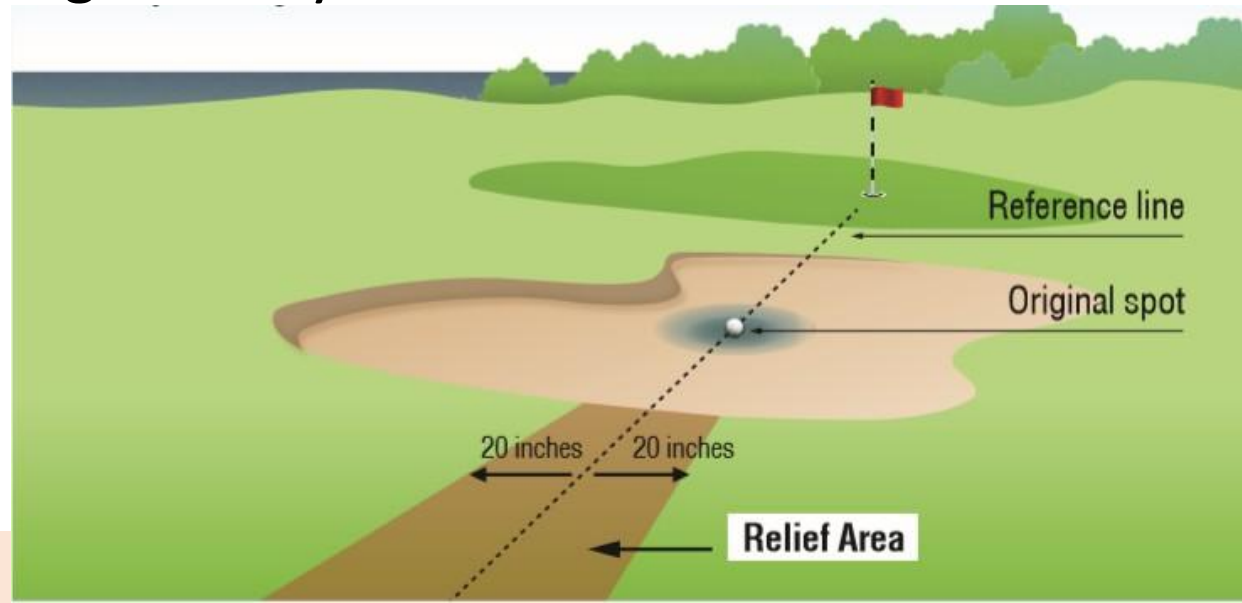
- Not allowed to touch the sand behind or front of the ball, or when making a practical swing or when you making your back swing





BALL LIES IN THE BUNKER

- For two penalty stroke (unplayable), you may take relief outside the bunker by dropping a ball back on a line from the hole through where your ball was at rest in the bunker



RELIEF PROCEDURE — DROP THE BALL

- From the shoulder height, hip height, or any other height, or by tossing the ball



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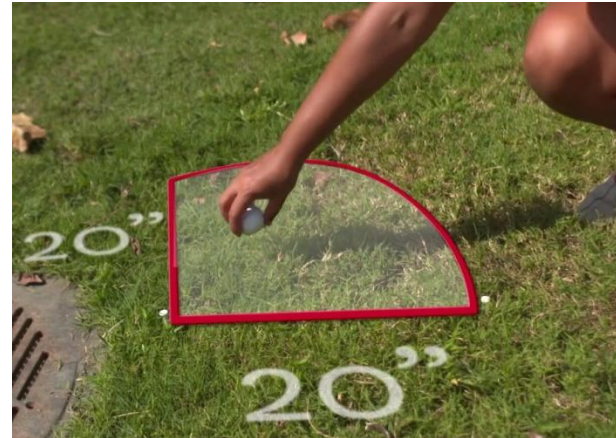
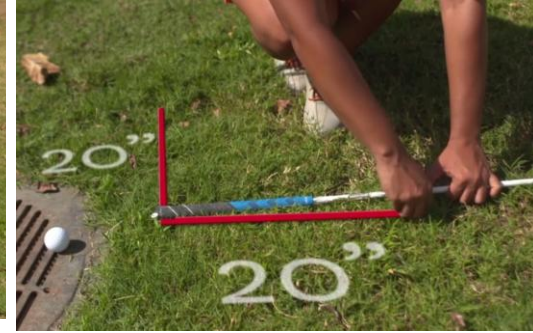
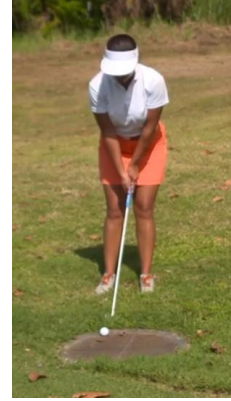


- Held above the ground without touching anything
- Must fall through the air before coming to rest



RELIEF AREA — IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION

- Determine the nearest point
- Measure 20 inch relief area not near the hole
- Drop the original ball or substitute a ball in the area
- Ball must land in the relief area



RELIEF AREA – IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION



- Drop the ball in the relief area
- Play the ball in the relief area
- Place the ball in the relief area when ball com to rest

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PLAYING THE BALL WITHIN THE PENALTY AREA

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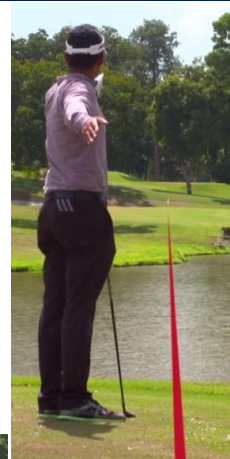
- Allowed to
 - move loose impediments,
 - make swing in touching ground or water, and
 - ground your club near your ball



WHITE PENALTY AREA — ONE STROKE PENALTY



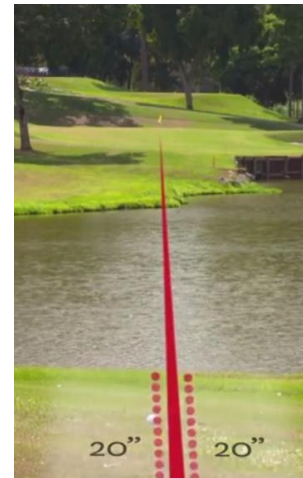
- Estimate the point on the edge penalty area where your ball last crossed into it
- Image the straight line running from the hole through the point and extending behind the penalty area
- measure 20 inch wide area in each side of it





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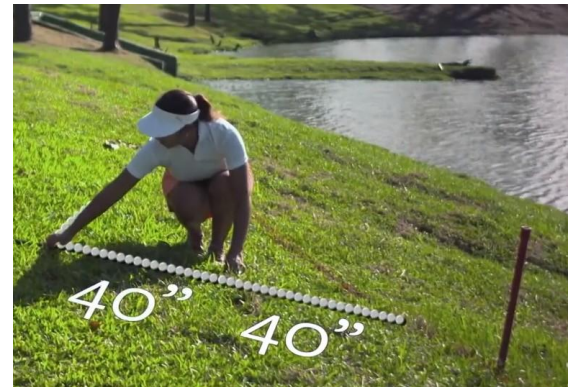
- Drop the original ball or substitute a ball in the area
- Ball dropped and played within the relief area





RED PENALTY AREA — ONE STROKE PENALTY

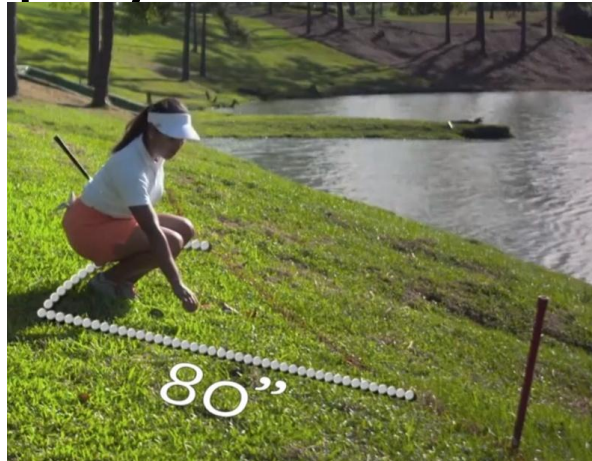
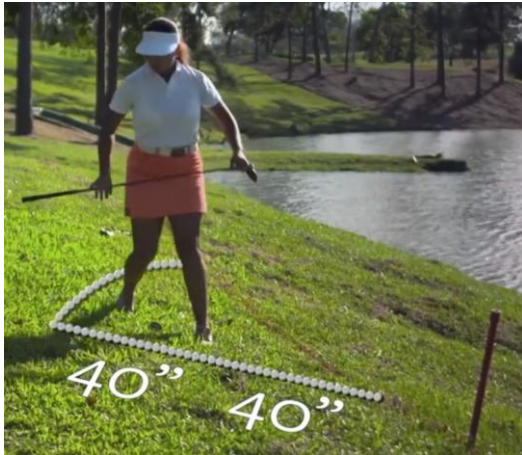
- Estimate the point on the edge penalty area where your ball last crossed
- Measure 80 inches relief area outside of penalty area not near the hole





RED PENALTY AREA — ONE STROKE PENALTY

- Drop your original ball or substitute a ball in the area
- Ball landed and played in the area





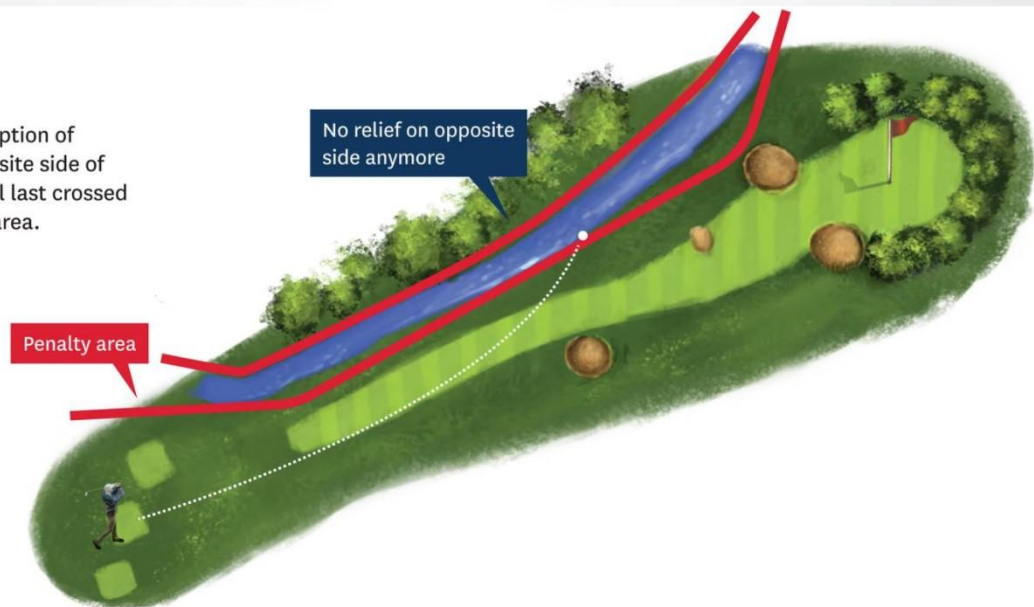
SPECIAL RULE FOR — RED PENALTY AREA

- Elimination of opposite side relief option

ELIMINATION OF OPPOSITE-SIDE RELIEF FOR RED PENALTY AREAS

Proposed Rule

You no longer have the option of taking relief on the opposite side of the point where your ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area.





STROKE AND DISTANCE — ONE STROKE PENALTY

- Drop the ball anywhere within the 20 inches where your last played from not near the hole





SEARCHING FOR LOST BALL

- Reduced search time from 5 min to 3 min
- No penalty for moving the ball during search
- Replace the ball at the spot you moved from



WHEN THINGS HAPPEN TO YOUR BALL IN PLAY

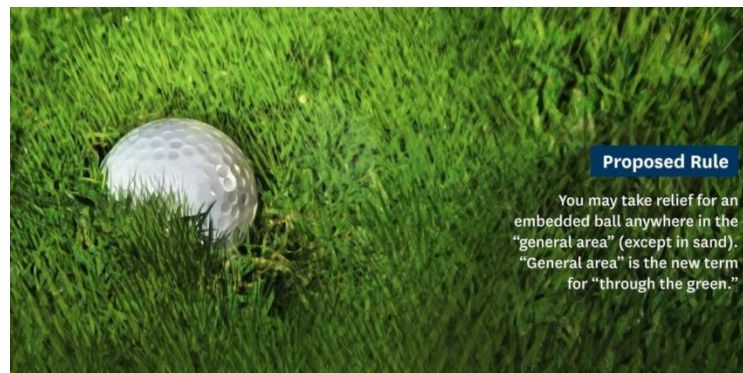
- Ball at rest accidentally moves – no penalty
 - while searching for it
 - when it is on the putting green
- Replacing a moved or lifted ball
 - Replace the ball on its estimated original spot
- Ball in motion accidentally deflected
 - Your ball hits you, your equipment, your caddie, someone attending the flagstick
 - Ball will be played from where it comes to rest





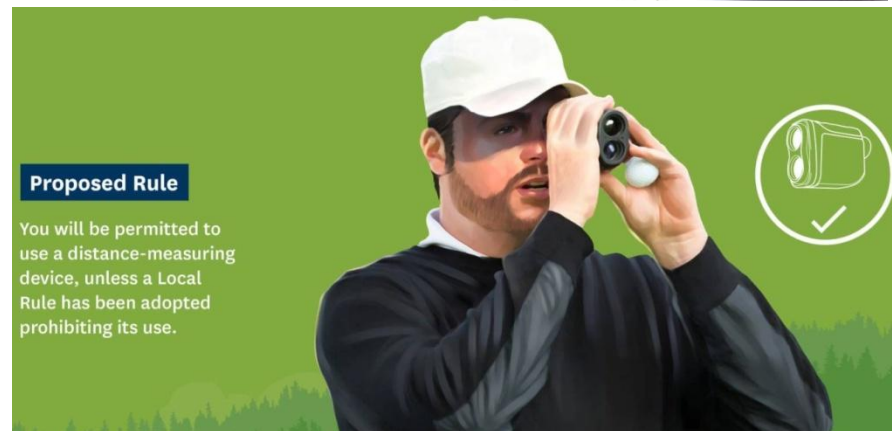
TAKING RELIEF

- Lost ball
 - A ball is lost if not found in three minutes after you begin searching for it
- Embedded ball
 - You may take relief if your ball is embedded anywhere in the general area except in sand
- Ball to use in taking relief
 - You may continue to use the original ball or substitute another ball, whenever you take either free relief or penalty relief



EQUIPMENT YOU ARE ALLOWED TO USE

- Damaged Clubs
- Damaged Ball
- Distance-Measuring Devices





HOW YOU PREPARE FOR AND MAKE A STROKE

- Alignment for a Stroke
 - Expanded restriction on caddie help with alignment
 - Your caddie is not allowed to stand on a line behind you from the time you begin taking your stance until you have made your stroke.





PROMOTING FASTER PACE OF PLAY

- Encouraging you to play promptly
 - You take each stroke in 40 seconds or less
- Playing Ready golf
 - Playing out of turn to save time in stroke play

40 seconds



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



“Ready Golf”



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





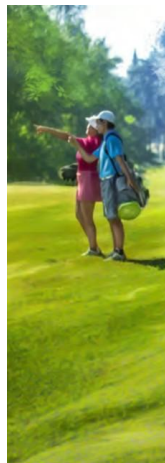
PROMOTING FASTER PACE OF PLAY

- Maximum Score in stroke play
 - Set a maximum score for a hole (double par)
- To help pace of play
 - Simplified dropping procedure
 - Reduced time for ball search

Max Score



A new stroke-play format allowing the Committee to set a maximum score for a hole.



You are now able to mark and lift a ball to identify it, check for damage or see if it is embedded without first announcing your intention to another player.



QUESTION AND FEEDBACK

