



Summary Chart: All Proposed Changes in Procedures and Outcomes in the New Rules of Golf for 2019

The purpose of this chart is to list **all** of the proposed substantive changes to the Rules of Golf in one place for ease of reference. This chart covers only **changes in outcome or procedure** in the revised Rules and Definitions. Changes in the terminology used in the Rules and Definitions are identified in a separate document called [Summary Chart: Proposed Changes in Definitions and Key Terms in the New Rules of Golf for 2019](#). Other changes in style, language and organization can be seen by reviewing the [entire draft revised Rules](#).

Each entry on this chart describes the proposed change, along with references to the current Rule number and the revised Rule number. The changes are organized in the following categories:

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| <p>A. Altering Course Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Conditions Affecting the Stroke <p>B. Areas of Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Bunkers○ No Play Zone○ Penalty Areas○ Putting Green○ Teeing Area○ Wrong Putting Green <p>C. Ball at Rest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ball Lifted○ Ball Moved○ Ball Replaced <p>D. Ball in Motion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Accidental Deflection○ Deliberate Deflection○ Ball in Motion | <p>E. Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Balls○ Clubs○ Other Equipment <p>F. Forms of Play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Match Play○ Partner Play○ Stroke Play <p>G. Player Behavior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Integrity○ Standards of Conduct <p>H. Playing a Ball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Advice and Help○ Making a Stroke | <p>I. Taking Relief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Abnormal Course Conditions○ Correcting Errors○ Dangerous Animal Situations○ Dropping Procedure○ Embedded Ball○ Lost Ball○ Movable Obstructions○ Relief Area○ Substituting Ball○ Unplayable Ball Option○ Wrong Putting Green <p>J. When to Play During Round</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Order of Play○ Pace of Play○ Suspension of Play |
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Some of the changes are listed more than once when it is appropriate for them to appear under multiple relevant categories. When that occurs, it is noted on the chart.



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Altering Course Conditions

A.1	Conditions affecting player's own stroke	It is <u>no longer a penalty</u> if a player improves <u>conditions</u> for his or her stroke by moving, bending or accidentally breaking growing or fixed things <u>while fairly searching for the ball</u> .	7.1a; 8.1b	12-1		
A.2	Conditions affecting player's own stroke	The player is <u>now allowed to repair almost any damage</u> on the putting green (including spike marks and animal damage but not including natural imperfections), without penalty.	8.1b; 13.1b	16-1c	B.14	

Areas of Course

B.1	Bunkers	A <u>new unplayable ball option</u> allows a player to drop outside the bunker (back on a line) for 2 penalty strokes.	19.3b	28b	1.24	
B.2	Bunkers	<u>It is no longer a penalty</u> for a player to touch or move loose impediments in a bunker.	12.2a; 15.1a	13-4; 25-1		B.6
B.3	Bunkers	<u>It is no longer a penalty</u> for a player to touch the sand with a hand or club (even if done intentionally or in anger), except when done (1) with his or her hand or club to test the conditions of the bunker or (2) with the club in the area right behind or in front of the ball, in making a practice swing or in making the backswing for the stroke.	12.2b	13-4		



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B.4	No Play Zone	The Committee <u>may now declare</u> any part of a penalty area or abnormal course condition as a No Play Zone.	2.4; 16.1f; 17.1d	Local Rules on ESAs and GUR		
B.5	Penalty Areas	<u>There is no longer a relief option</u> on the opposite side of a red penalty hazard (unless allowed by Local Rule).	17.1c	26-1c(ii)		
B.6	Penalty Areas	In a penalty area <u>it is no longer a penalty</u> to touch the ground with hand or club or to touch or move loose impediments.	15.1a; 17.1a	13-4; 25-1		B.2
B.7	Penalty Areas	The Committee <u>may now define red- and yellow-marked “penalty areas”</u> (new broader term for <u>“water hazards”</u>) to cover areas of desert, jungle, lava rock, etc., in addition to areas of water.	Def of penalty area	Def of water hazard		
B.8	Penalty Areas	Committees are given the discretion to mark <u>all penalty areas as red so that lateral relief is always allowed</u> (but they may still mark penalty areas as yellow where they consider it appropriate).	Def of penalty area	Def of water hazard		
B.9	Putting Green	If a ball on the putting green was lifted and replaced and it then moves, <u>it is always replaced</u> even if moved by natural forces such as wind or moved for no clear reason.	9.3; 13.1c(2)	18	C.10	
B.10	Putting Green	<u>There is no longer a penalty</u> if a player or opponent accidentally moves the player's ball on the putting green.	9.4; 9.5; 13.1c(1)	18-2; 18-3	C.8	C.6
B.11	Putting Green	<u>There is no longer a penalty</u> if a ball played from the putting green hits the unattended flagstick that was left in the hole.	13.2b(3)	17-3c	D.4	



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B.12	Putting Green	<u>There is no longer a penalty</u> if a player makes a stroke when another ball is in motion after making a stroke on the putting green.	None	16-1f	D.9; H.10	
B.13	Putting Green	<u>There is no longer a penalty</u> if a player merely touches the line of play on the putting green (so long as there is no prohibited improvement).	10.2b	16.1a		H.1
B.14	Putting Green	The player is <u>now allowed to repair almost any damage</u> on the putting green (including spike marks and animal damage but not including natural imperfections), without penalty.	13.1b(1)	16-1c	A.2	
B.15	Teeing Area	The teeing area is <u>now 80 inches (203.2 centimeters) deep</u> rather than 2 club-lengths.	Def of teeing area	Def of teeing ground		
B.16	Wrong Putting Green	Interference by a wrong putting green (where a player is required to take relief) <u>now includes interference with the area of intended stance or swing</u> , as well as the lie of the ball.	13.1e	25-3	I.25	

Ball at Rest

C.1	Ball Lifted	A player <u>no longer needs to announce</u> to another player or the marker that he or she intends to lift a ball to identify it or to give that person an opportunity to observe the process,	7.3	12-2		G.2
C.2	Ball Lifted	A player's caddie <u>may now mark and lift the player's ball on the putting green</u> without the player's authorization.	10.3b(1)	20-1	H.5	
C.3	Ball Lifted	The position of a ball to be lifted <u>may no longer be marked by a loose impediment</u> .	14.1; Def of Ball-Marker	20-1		



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C.4	Ball Moved	<u>There is no longer a penalty</u> for accidentally moving a ball while searching for it or identifying it.	7.4	18-2; 12-1		C.6
C.5	Ball Moved	<u>There is no longer a penalty</u> if a player's equipment moves his or her ball (unless the player caused the equipment to move the ball).	9.4	18-2		C.6
C.6	Ball Moved	<u>There is no longer a penalty</u> for accidentally moving a ball-marker, in the same situations where there is no longer a penalty for accidentally moving a ball.	9.7	18-2		B.10; C.4; C.5; C.8; C.9
C.7	Ball Moved	In deciding whether/why a ball moved: (a) a ball will <u>now be found to have moved only if it is known or virtually certain</u> (meaning at least 95% likely) that it did, and (b) a ball will <u>now be found to have moved due to natural causes</u> unless it is known or virtually certain that a person or outside influence caused it to move.	9.2	18		
C.8	Ball Moved	<u>There is no longer a penalty</u> if a player or opponent accidentally moves the player's ball on the putting green.	9.4; 9.5; 13.1c(1)	18-2; 18-3	B.10	C.6
C.9	Ball Moved	<u>There is no longer a penalty</u> if a player accidentally moves his or her ball lying off the putting green while in the process of marking, lifting or replacing the ball (the "Directly Attributable" test is relaxed).	9.4b	18-2; 20-1; 20-3		C.6
C.10	Ball Replaced	If a ball on the putting green was lifted and replaced and it then moves, <u>it is always replaced</u> even if moved by natural forces such as wind or moved for no clear reason.	9.3; 13.1c(2)	18	B.9	



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C.11	Ball Replaced	When a ball has been moved or lifted and its lie has been altered (other than in sand), the ball <u>will now be replaced by placing it in the nearest most similar lie within 20 inches</u> (50.8 centimeters) of its original spot rather than within one club-length.	14.2d(2)	20-3b		
C.12	Ball Replaced	When a ball moves and the exact original spot is not known, <u>the ball is no longer replaced by dropping it</u> ; instead, <u>the ball is placed on its estimated original spot</u> , and this includes placing it on, under or against any growing or fixed objects it had been on, under or against.	7.4; 14.2c	18-2; 20-3c		

Ball in Motion

D.1	Accidental Deflection	<u>There is no longer a requirement</u> that a ball coming to rest on player's or opponent's equipment must be dropped off it; that equipment is now treated like any other movable obstruction.	11.1; 15.2a(2)	19-2; 19-3	1.18	
D.2	Accidental Deflection	<u>There is no longer a penalty</u> if a ball accidentally hits the player or his or her caddie or equipment.	11.1	19-2		
D.3	Accidental Deflection	If the player's ball accidentally hits an opponent or opponent's caddie or equipment, <u>there is no longer an option to cancel and replay</u> the stroke; the ball must be played from where it comes to rest, except that on the putting green the stroke is canceled and replayed.	11-1	19-3; 30-2b		



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D.4	Accidental Deflection	<u>There is no longer a penalty</u> if a ball played from the putting green hits the unattended flagstick that was left in the hole.	13.2b(3)	17-3c	B.11	
D.5	Accidental Deflection	<u>There is no longer a penalty</u> if a ball played from anywhere on the course hits the flagstick when it has been removed, attended or held up or the person attending it. In all cases, the ball is played as it lies.	13.2d	17-3		
D.6	Deliberate Deflection	<u>It is no longer a penalty</u> to lift a ball at rest, a ball-marker, a loose impediment or a movable obstruction while a ball is in motion unless this was done <u>deliberately to affect where that ball may come to rest</u> (current prohibition on such lifting is relaxed).	11.3; 13.1a; 15.1a; 15.2a	16-1b; 23-1; 24-1		
D.7	Deliberate Deflection	When a ball is deliberately deflected or stopped by anyone (whether a player or some other person), it is <u>always played from a relief area based on where it is estimated it would have come to rest (except when the stroke was made on the putting green where the stroke will still be canceled and replayed)</u> .	11.2c	1-2; 19-1		
D.8	Deliberate Deflection	There is a penalty if a player's ball in motion strikes any object or person that was <u>deliberately positioned</u> by the player for that purpose.	11.2	1-2		
D.9	Ball in Motion	<u>There is no longer a penalty</u> if a player makes a stroke when another ball is in motion after making a stroke on the putting green.	None	16-1f	B.12; H.10	

Equipment



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E.1	Balls	A player <u>no longer needs to announce</u> to another player or the marker that he or she intends to lift a ball to check for damage or to give that person an opportunity to observe the process.	4.2b	5-3		G.2
E.2	Balls	A player is <u>no longer allowed to substitute a ball</u> when his or her ball in play merely becomes out of shape during the play of a hole – it has to be cut or cracked.	4.2b(2)	5-3		
E.3	Clubs	There is <u>no longer a penalty</u> for merely carrying a non-conforming club, so long as it is not used to make a stroke.	4.1a	4-1; 4-2		
E.4	Clubs	The <u>prohibition on applying foreign material</u> to the club face is extended to the entire clubhead.	4.1a(3)	4-2b		
E.5	Clubs	A player is <u>now always allowed to use a damaged club for the rest of the round, or to repair it to the extent allowed in the Rules</u> , regardless of how the damage occurred.	4.1a(2)	4-3b		
E.6	Clubs	A player is <u>no longer allowed to replace clubs that are damaged</u> during the round, unless the player (or anyone acting for the player) did not cause that damage.	4.1a(2); 4.1b(3)	4-3a		
E.7	Clubs	Partners are <u>no longer allowed to share clubs</u> .	4.1b(2)	4-4b		
E.8	Clubs	If a player discovers shortly before a round that he or she accidentally has one or more excess clubs, he or she <u>may now declare those clubs out of play</u> and carry them without penalty.	4.1c(2)	4-4c; Decision 4-4c/1		
E.9	Other Equipment	<u>Use of distance-measuring devices (DMDs) is now allowed</u> under the Rules, but their use may be prohibited by Local Rule; this reverses the current default position on use of DMDs.	4.3	14-3		



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E.10	Other Equipment	The penalty for playing a ball from a non-conforming tee is <u>now the general penalty for the first breach</u> rather than disqualification.	6.2b(2)	11-1		

Forms of Play

F.1	Match Play	If the player breaches a Rule after he or she has holed out but before the opponent has holed out, <u>the player gets the full penalty for that breach (including if the penalty is loss of hole)</u> even when the best the opponent could do is to tie (halve) the hole.	None	2-2		
F.2	Match Play	The <u>default procedure for a tied (halved) match is for the match to be extended one hole at a time until there is a winner but the Committee may provide that matches will end in a tie.</u>	3.2a(4)	2-3		
F.3	Match Play	<u>When a tied match has been extended, handicap strokes are given by hole in the same way as in the round; but the Committee may provide differently.</u>	3.2b(2)	New		
F.4	Partner Play	In Four-ball or Foursomes, either partner is <u>now allowed to take any action his or her partner could take, including dropping a ball.</u>	22.2; 23.3a	20-2		
F.5	Stroke Play	<u>A new form of stroke play - "Maximum Score" - is authorized where a player's score for any hole is capped at a maximum (so the player may "pick up" and get the maximum rather than complete the hole).</u>	3.1a(2); 21.2	New		



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F.6	Stroke Play	The <u>penalty for agreeing to leave a ball in position to help another player</u> on the putting green is changed to a two-stroke penalty for both players rather than disqualification for both players.	15.3a	22-1		
F.7	Stroke Play	When playing two balls because of uncertainty about the Rules, if a player does not choose in time which ball he or she wishes to count, <u>the ball played first is treated as the ball chosen by default</u> , for purposes of the Committee's decision on which of the two balls played will count in the player's score.	20.1c(3)	3-3		
F.8	Stroke Play	The Committee may <u>now allow use of electronic score cards</u> ; players and markers will now "certify" rather than "sign" the score card.	3.3b(1)	New		
F.9	Stroke Play	In stroke play, players are <u>now allowed to practice on a course after completing play for the day</u> even when they will play a competition round on that course in subsequent days; but the Committee may prohibit such practice.	5.2b	7-1b		

Player Behavior

G.1	Integrity	When a player is required to estimate or measure a spot, point, line, area or distance under a Rule, <u>his or her reasonable judgment will not be second-guessed</u> based on later evidence (such as video review) if the player did all that could be reasonably expected under the circumstances to make an accurate estimation or measurement.	1.3a(2)	New		
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G.2	Integrity	When a player has good reason to mark and lift a ball to identify it, check for damage or see if it lies in a condition where relief is allowed (such as to see whether it is embedded), the player is no longer required first to announce to another player or his or her marker the intent to do so or to give that person an opportunity to observe the process,	4.2b; 7.3; 16.4	5-3; 12-2; Decision 20-1/0.7		C.1; E.1; I.3
G.3	Standards of Conduct	The Committee may <u>now adopt a Code of Conduct that applies penalties</u> (such as one penalty stroke or loss of hole/two penalty strokes) for misconduct in breach of that Code.	1.2b	New		
G.4	Standards of Conduct	After a match or competition has concluded, a player <u>may now be disqualified for serious misconduct</u> (Rule 1.2) during the round.	20.2d(1)	34-1		

Playing a Ball

H.1	Advice and Help	<u>There is no longer a penalty</u> if a player or his or her caddie merely touches the putting green in pointing out the line of play (so long as there is no prohibited improvement).	10.2b(2)	8-2b; 16-1		B.13
H.2	Advice and Help	When a player begins to take a stance for a stroke and until the stroke is made, the player is <u>no longer allowed to position his or her feet or body by reference to any object</u> that had been placed on the course to help with stance, alignment or positioning of the body or club for the stroke (today that is allowed so long as the object is removed before the stroke is made).	10.2b(3)	8-2a		



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H.3	Advice and Help	Once a player begins to take a stance for a stroke and until the stroke is made, the player's caddie is <u>no longer allowed to stand</u> on or close to an extension of the line of play behind the ball (today that is allowed so long as the caddie moves out of the way before the stroke is made).	10.2b(3)	14-2b		
H.4	Advice and Help	There is <u>no longer a penalty</u> if a player positions an object (such as a golf bag) to protect a ball at rest from the elements, so long as it is removed before the stroke is made.	10.2b(4)	14-2a		
H.5	Advice and Help	A player's caddie <u>may now mark and lift the player's ball on the putting green</u> without the player's authorization.	10.3b(1)	20-1	C.2	
H.6	Advice and Help	<u>The penalty for having more than one caddie is now the general penalty</u> for each hole on which a breach occurs, and there is no limit on the number of penalties which may be applied.	10.3a	6-4		
H.7	Making a Stroke	<u>It is now a penalty anywhere on the course</u> (not just on the putting green) to make a stroke with one foot deliberately placed on each side of, or with a foot deliberately touching, the line of play or an extension of the line behind the ball (a "croquet style" stroke).	10.1d	16-1e		
H.8	Making a Stroke	A player is <u>now allowed to lift or play a ball moving in temporary water</u> (formerly called "casual water").	10.1f	14-6		
H.9	Making a Stroke	<u>It is now a penalty</u> to make a stroke with a ball-marker still in place.	14.1a	20-2		



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H.10	Making a Stroke	<u>There is no longer a penalty</u> if a player makes a stroke when another ball is in motion after making a stroke on the putting green.	None	16-1f	B.12; D.9	

Taking Relief

I.1	Abnormal Course Conditions	A new term (abnormal course conditions) covers both immovable obstructions and what are currently called abnormal ground conditions; <u>all relief options are now identical for these conditions.</u>	16.1	24-2; 24-3; 25-1		
I.2	Abnormal Course Conditions	A player is <u>now allowed to take free relief from all holes dug by animal (including non-burrowing animals)</u> other than those made by worms, insects and similar invertebrates.	Def of “animal hole”; 16.1	25-1		
I.3	Abnormal Course Conditions	A player <u>no longer needs to announce</u> to another player or the marker that he or she intends to lift a ball to see if it lies in a condition where relief is allowed (such as to see whether it is embedded) or to give that person an opportunity to observe the process,	16.4	Decision 20-1/0.7		G.2
I.4	Abnormal Course Conditions	A player is <u>now allowed to take relief based on the point of maximum available relief</u> if complete relief is not available from interference by an obstruction in a bunker.	16.1c(1)	24-2c		



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1.5	Correcting Errors	If a player lifts a ball to correct an error under Rule 14.5 before playing a ball, the player <u>does not count any penalty for actions taken relating to that ball in play</u> before it was lifted (unless those same actions were also in breach of a Rule for the play of the ball that was put in play to correct the mistake).	14.5c	20-6		
1.6	Correcting Errors	When correcting an error under Rule 14.5, the player <u>must now use the same relief rule and option</u> (if they in fact apply) even if the ball had been dropped in a wrong place.	14.5b	Decision 20-6/2		
1.7	Dangerous Animal Situation	A player is allowed to take <u>relief for interference by a dangerous animal</u> , using relief procedures that are very similar to the current free relief provided in Decisions 1-4/10, 11, but with minor differences.	16.2	Decisions 1-4/10; 1-4/11		
1.8	Dropping Procedure	When a ball is dropped in taking relief, the only requirement is for the player to <u>hold the ball above the ground without it touching any growing thing or other natural or artificial object</u> , and let it go so that it <u>falls through the air</u> before coming to rest; to avoid any doubt, it is recommended that the ball be dropped from at least one inch above the ground or any growing thing or object.	14.3a	20-2a		
1.9	Dropping Procedure	When a ball is dropped in taking relief, it <u>now must be dropped in and come to rest in the same relief area</u> ; if either or both of those does not happen, the ball must be re-dropped.	14.3c	20-2c		



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1.10	Dropping Procedure	If a dropped ball accidentally strikes anyone or anything and the ball then comes to rest inside the relief area, it must be played as it lies and <u>must not be re-dropped</u> .	14.3d(1)	20-2a		
1.11	Dropping Procedure	A player must not deliberately deflect or stop a dropped ball to affect where it may come to rest (except when it is outside the relief area and there is no reasonable chance it will return to the relief area); in stroke play, if a player deliberately deflects or stops a dropped ball, <u>the ball must be re-dropped no matter where it came to rest</u> .	14.3d(2)	1-2		
1.12	Dropping Procedure	If a dropped ball comes to rest outside the relief area, it must be dropped again; there is <u>now no limit to the number of times to re-drop</u> and the player should drop in different locations and from a lower height if necessary to get the ball to come to rest in the relief area.	14.3e(1)	20-2c		
1.13	Dropping Procedure	If after multiple tries it becomes clear that the dropped ball will not stay in the relief area, the player must <u>place the ball anywhere in the relief area</u> .	14.3e(2)	20-2c		
1.14	Embedded Ball	Relief from an embedded ball is <u>now allowed in the rough and other parts of the general area</u> (the area currently called "through the green"), but a Local Rule may be adopted to restrict relief to areas cut to fairway height or less; this reverses the default position on embedded ball relief.	16.3	25-2; Local Rule		



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I.15	Lost Ball	The time limit for a ball search (that is, before the ball is treated as lost) is <u>reduced from 5 minutes to 3 minutes.</u>	18.2a(1)	Definition of "lost ball"; 27-1c		
I.16	Lost Ball	A player may <u>now return and play a provisional ball even after going forward to search</u> , so long as the original ball is not yet lost or the player is unaware that it has been found.	18.3b	27-2a		J.4
I.17	Movable Obstructions	A player is <u>only allowed to lift a ball helping play</u> if the ball is on the putting green.	15.3a	22-1		
I.18	Movable Obstructions	<u>There is no longer a requirement</u> that a ball coming to rest on player's or opponent's equipment must be dropped off it; that equipment is now treated like any other movable obstruction.	11.1; 15.2a(2)	19-2; 19-3	D.1	
I.19	Relief Area	For those situations where the current Rules require a player to drop as near as possible to a spot or point, the player will <u>now be required to drop a ball within 20 inches (50.8 centimeters) of that spot or point.</u>	Many Rules (e.g., 16.3b)	Many Rules (e.g., 25-2)		
I.20	Relief Area	When dropping a ball to take relief back on a line behind a penalty area, a bunker or the spot of an unplayable ball, the relief area in which to drop the ball is <u>now measured by 20 inches (50.8 centimeters) from that reference line</u> , rather than requiring that the ball be dropped directly on that line.	16.1c(2); 17.1c(2); 17.1d(2); 19.2b	24-1b(ii)(b); 25-1a(ii)(b); 26-1b; 28b		



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1.21	Relief Area	When dropping a ball to take "lateral relief" from a red penalty area or for an unplayable ball, the relief area in which to drop the ball is <u>now measured by using 80 inches (203.2 centimeters) from the reference point</u> (where the ball last crossed into the penalty area or the spot of the unplayable ball), rather than by using 2 club-lengths.	17.1c(3); 19.2c	26-1c(i); 28c		
1.22	Relief Area	When dropping a ball to take relief from an abnormal course condition (that is, an immovable obstruction, animal hole, ground under repair or temporary water) a dangerous animal situation or an embedded ball, the relief area in which to drop the ball is <u>now measured by using 20 inches (50.8 centimeters) from the nearest point of complete relief</u> or other reference point, rather than by using 1 club-length.	Many Rules (e.g., 16.1c)	Many Rules (e.g., 24-2b)		
1.23	Substituting Ball	A player may <u>now always substitute a ball when taking relief</u> , whether taking relief with penalty or without penalty.	14.3a	Many Rules (e.g., 15-2)		
1.24	Unplayable Ball Option	A <u>new unplayable ball option</u> allows a player to drop outside the bunker (back on a line) for 2 penalty strokes.	19.3b	28b	B.1	
1.25	Wrong Putting Green	Interference by a wrong putting green (where a player is required to take relief) <u>now includes interference with the area of intended stance or swing</u> , as well as the lie of the ball.	13.1e	25-3	B.16	



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When to Play During Round

J.1	Order of Play	If two balls are the same distance from the hole, players <u>may now agree on who plays first</u> rather than deciding by lot	6.4a(1); 6-4b(1)	10-1b; 10-2b		
J.2	Order of Play	In stroke play, even though the Rules identify a normal order of play, players are <u>now affirmatively allowed and encouraged to play out of turn</u> in a safe and responsible way for convenience or to save time.	6.4b(2)	10-2c		
J.3	Order of Play	In stroke play, the penalty for two or more players agreeing to play out of turn to give one of them an advantage is <u>reduced to 2 strokes for each player</u> rather than disqualification of each player.	6.4b(1)	10-2c		
J.4	Order of Play	If a player goes forward to search before deciding to return to play a provisional ball, the order of play is based on when the player decides to play the provisional ball and is in a position to do so.	6.4d(2)	10-3		1.16
J.5	Pace of Play	The penalty for unreasonably delaying play is <u>revised to 1 penalty stroke for the first breach</u> , the general penalty for the second breach, and disqualification for a third breach.	5.6a	6-7		



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J.6	Pace of Play	The Rules <u>now give affirmative encouragement and guidance on pace of play</u> , including a recommendation that each stroke should be made in no more than 40 seconds – and usually more quickly than that - after the player is or should be able to play without interference or distraction.	5.6b	New		
J.7	Suspension of Play	The <u>only allowable reasons for a player stopping play are now</u> : suspension by the Committee, agreement in match play or a player's concern about lightning; a temporary delay for other reasons is not treated as stopping play but rather is covered under new Rule 5.6a (which covers unreasonable delay).	5.6a; 5.7a	6-8a		
J.8	Suspension of Play	A Committee <u>no longer needs to adopt a condition of competition to use procedures requiring an immediate suspension</u> of play; it is now part of the Rule.	5.7b(1)	6-8b Note		
J.9	Suspension of Play	When play is suspended, a player <u>may now always mark and lift his or her ball</u> .	5.7d	6-8c		