

Rule Changes from January 2019

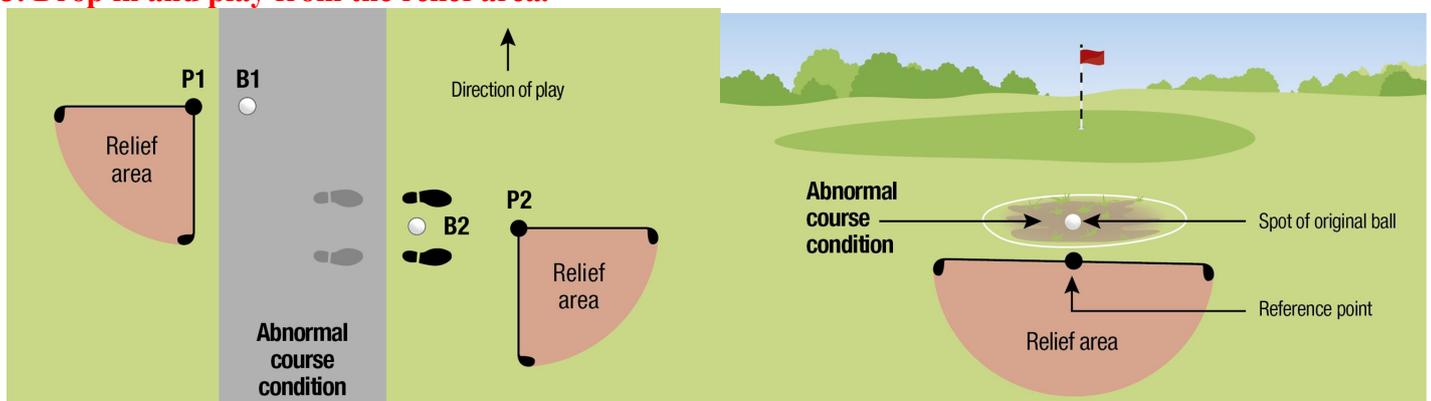
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New Terminology

<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>
Through the Green	General Area
Teeing Ground	Teeing Area
Water/ Lateral Hazard	Yellow/ Red Penalty Area
Wrong Putting Green	Wrong Green
Outside Agency	Outside Influence
Abnormal Ground Condition	Abnormal Course Condition
Casual Water	Temporary Water
Play Prohibited, ESA	No Play Zone
Nearest Point of Relief	Nearest Point of Complete Relief

20 must know Rules of golf changes for 2019

1. Drop from knee height (NOT shoulder height)
2. Measure the area to drop in with the longest club in your bag (except a putter)
3. Drop in and play from the relief area.



4. When dropping back-on-the-line, your ball cannot be played from nearer the hole than your chosen reference point
5. Time to search - 3minutes (NOT 5 minutes)
6. If you accidentally move your ball when searching for it, replace it without penalty.
7. No penalty for a double hit - it only counts as one stroke.
8. No penalty if your ball hits you or your equipment accidentally after a stroke.
9. No penalty if you ball strikes the flagstick when you have chosen to leave it in the hole.
10. Spike mark and other shoe damage on the putting green can be repaired - no penalty.

11. Ball accidentally moved on the putting green - no penalty and replace.

12. Ball marked, lifted and replaced on putting green is moved by wind to another position - replace ball on the original spot - no penalty.

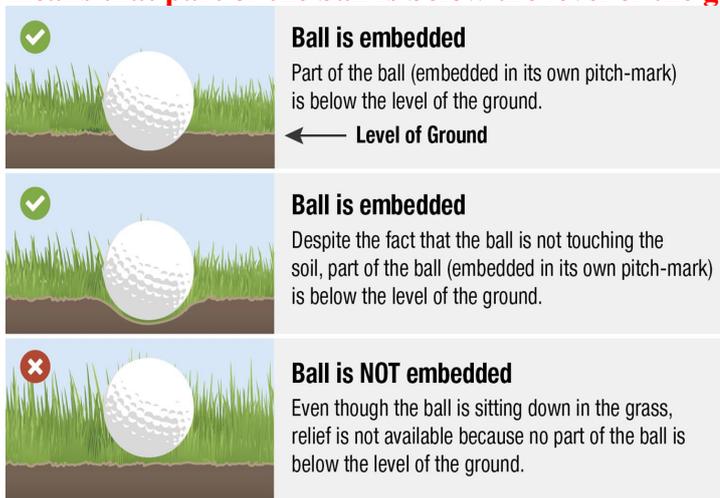
13. Penalty areas replace water hazards, and you can move loose impediments, ground your club and take practice swings in penalty areas without penalty, just as you can on the fairway or in the rough.

14. You can't take relief from a penalty area unless you are 95% certain your ball is in the penalty area.

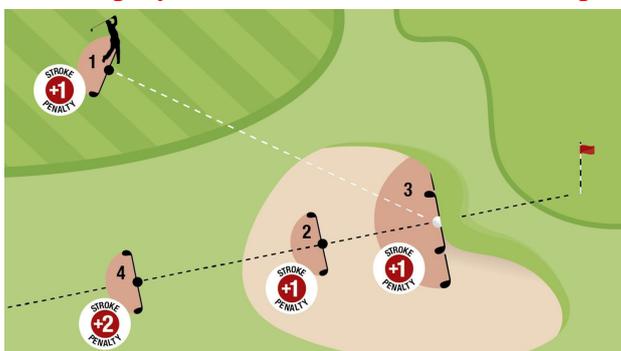
15. In bunkers you can move loose impediments.

16. In bunkers you cannot touch the sand with your club in the area right in front of or right behind your ball, during your backswing or in taking practice swings.

17. Free relief is allowed if your ball is embedded on the fairway or in the rough (but "embedded" means that part of the ball is below the level of the ground).



18. Unplayable ball in a bunker - extra option to drop outside the bunker for 2 penalty strokes.



- Option 1 For 1 penalty stroke player may take stroke and distance'
- Option 2 For 1 penalty stroke, the player may take back-in-the-line relief in the bunker
- Option 3 For 1 penalty stroke, the player may take lateral relief in the bunker.
- 4. Additional option for relief in bunker. Back-on-the-line relief outside bunker. Two penalty strokes

19. You cannot have your caddie or your playing partner standing behind you once you begin taking your stance.

20. You are no longer allowed to take relief from a red penalty area on the opposite side from where the ball last entered the penalty area unless it is "Back-on-the-line-relief".