

GOLF'S NEW RULES: KEY CHANGES

The R&A and the USGA have released golf's new Rules, which will take effect on January 1, 2019. Here are five of the most significant changes.

How to Drop a Ball

You will drop your ball from knee height into the relief area.



Time for Ball Search



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

Repairing Spike Marks



You will be allowed to repair spike marks and any other damage on the putting green caused by a person, an animal or maintenance practices.

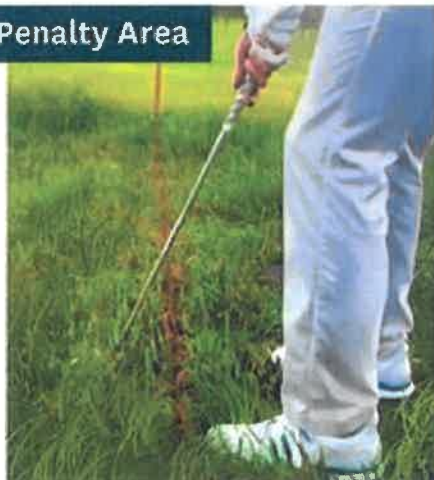
Leaving Flagstick in the Hole

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 will be allowed to ground your club and move loose impediments in a penalty area (an expanded concept of water hazards that does not include bunkers).



For more information on golf's new Rules, please visit usga.org or randa.org.

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