

MATCH PLAY – REMINDERS

... to assist **players** and **officials** when conducting **match play** format:

1. **Match play**, the game is **played by holes**. A **match** is won by the side which is leading by the number of holes greater than the number of holes remaining to play.
2. **General Penalty** for a **breach** of a **Rule** is **Loss of Hole**.
3. **Playing outside** of the teeing ground: **Rule 11-4** **Opponent may recall** the stroke at **his option** if done **immediately**. **No Penalty** - ball may be **re-teeed**.
4. **Playing out of turn**: **Rule 10-1c**
 - a. **Teeing Ground**: **Opponent may recall** the stroke at his **option** if done **immediately**.
No Penalty – ball may be re-teeed. *However*, if the players are **aware** of the **Rules** and **agree** to play out of order, refer to **Rules 1-3, 10-1a, 33-7, and Dec. 1-3/1**.
 - b. **Through the Green or in a Hazard**: **Opponent may recall** the stroke at **his option** if done **immediately**. **No Penalty** – ball is **dropped**.
 - c. **On the Putting Green**: **Opponent may recall** stroke at his **option** if done **immediately**. **No Penalty** – ball is **placed**.
5. **Ball in motion stopped or deflected**:
 - a. **By player's side**: **Rule 19-2** **One-stroke Penalty**
 - b. **By opponent's side (accidentally)**: **Rule 19-3** **No Penalty** – player has the **option** to **replay** the stroke **immediately** or **play the ball as it lies**.
6. **Playing the wrong BALL**: **Rule 15-3** or
Playing from the wrong PLACE: **Rule 20-7**

Playing a **wrong BALL** or playing from the **wrong PLACE** is **Loss of Hole**
7. **Ball at rest moved**:
 - a. **By opponent's side (during search)**: **Rule 18-3a** **No Penalty** – owner **must** replace the ball.
 - b. **By opponent's side other than during search** (**excluding opponent's**

ball): Rule 18-3b Opponent Penalized 1 stroke and Owner must replace the ball

- c. By another ball: Rule 18-5 No Penalty –Owner MUST replace immediately (also applies to putting green.)

8. Ball unfit for play: Rule 5-3 If a player has reason to believe his ball has become unfit for play during the play of a hole, he may lift it to examine it but MUST inform his opponent PRIOR to lifting and give the opponent an opportunity to examine the ball.
9. Ball interfering with or assisting play: Rule 22 Any player may have any ball lifted if he considers that it might interfere with his play or assist any other player but this may not be done while another ball is in motion.
10. Conceding opponent's next stroke: Rule 2-4 When the opponent's ball is at rest, under Rule 16-2, or deemed to be at rest, the player may concede the opponent to have holed out with his next stroke and the ball may be removed by either side with a club or otherwise.

NOTE: When the ball is overhanging the hole a concession cannot be granted until the player has been allowed enough time to walk to the hole without undue delay and additional 10 seconds to determine whether the ball is at rest (Rule 16-2).

If a concession is made (i.e. – the player lifts, knocks, or states the next stroke is good) before the additional 10 seconds, the player is in breach of Rule 1-2 and loses the hole, assuming Rule 2-2 (halved hole) did not apply. Be clear when conceding (i.e. – saying “Good Putt” could be interpreted to mean the next stroke is good).

11. Flagstick:

- a. Unauthorized attendance or removal by opponent's side: Rule 17-2a Opponent Loses the Hole (however, if player sees the flag being attended or removed and raises no objection he shall be deemed to have authorized it).
- b. Player's ball striking flagstick or attendant: Rule 17-5 Loss of Hole except in case of striking unattended flagstick when playing from OFF the green.

12. **Claims: Rule 2-5** Claims **MUST** be made **BEFORE** any player tees off on the next hole or on the last hole of a match, **BEFORE** all players leave the putting green. **No later claim shall be considered unless it is based upon facts previously unknown to the player making the claim and the player making the claim had been given wrong information by the opponent.**
13. **Information: Rule 9** A player has the right to know how many strokes an opponent has taken because it might affect the way he plays. Thus, a player is **penalized** for giving **wrong information** about the number of strokes taken or for **not informing** his opponent of a **penalty** – unless he **corrects the mistake BEFORE an opponent plays the next stroke.**