



RULE 8: ADVICE



Be careful what you say on the golf course, the advice you give or receive.....
may cost you a PENALTY!

DO'S

- You may ask any type of advice from your partner or caddie.
- You may discuss distances between any two objects on the golf course with *anyone*...this includes the distance from your ball to the hole. (New in 2006)
- You may obtain information on matters of public information from *anyone*. (Example: position of hazards, or the flagstick.)
- You may give or receive information on the Rules from *anyone*.
- You may look into another player's bag to see which club was used.
- Caddies can give their players swing advice or show them how to play a shot.
- When play is suspended, you may ask advice from *anyone*.

DON'T

- You may not ask or offer advice about the following to *anyone* other than your partner or caddie:
 - What club someone is playing. ("I think you should hit the 5 iron." or "What club did you hit?")
 - How to play a shot or make a swing.
 - Do not make any comments about how someone should correct a swing error. ("Keep your head down")
 - Which option under a Rule would be best to use. ("I think you should declare it unplayable and drop it back there.")
 - Do not move towels or clubs to see which club the player has selected.

Penalty:

Violation of the "Advice Rule" results in:

Stroke Play: Two strokes

Match Play: Loss of hole

Example – If you ask another player (other than your partner) what club to hit – and they answer, who gets penalized? In Stroke Play, both players would be penalized two strokes. In Match Play, the player who asked loses the hole immediately and the other player's response does not matter.

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