

Rules & Regulations for Golf

The organizing committee intends to strictly enforce the USGA rules (<http://www.usga.org/home/index.html>) and expects full co-operation from all of the players involved.

MAXIMUM REGISTERED PLAYERS 28

Basic Rules

When driving from the tee you must tee up between the markers and not more than two club lengths behind the markers never in front.

If the ball falls off the tee before you take a forward swing you may replace it without penalty.

If you swing and miss after addressing the ball it counts one stroke.

If you top the ball and knocked it off the tee- it counts as a stroke and must play it where it lies.

You may not improve your lie by moving, breaking, or bending growing vegetation.

You may move loose, natural impediments (tree branches, fallen leaves or stones).

If you play the wrong ball, except in a hazard you loose the hole in match play or are penalized two strokes in stroke play.

When the ball must be dropped you must face the hole, stand erect, and drop the ball behind you over your shoulder.

Obstructions and Out of Play

A ball is lost if it cannot be found within 5 minutes after your side begins to search for it or when another ball is played under the rules. Signal any players behind you to go thru while you look for your ball.

If your ball is found after you have played another, you must continue to play the second ball.

If your ball lies up against a tree or in some other equally bad spot, you yourself must decide weather you can play it from there or not. If you decide it's playable, you must play it as it lies, But if you decide it isn't you may go back to the spot from which you hit it and play a ball adding one penalty stroke to your score for that hole and counting all strokes played or under a one-stroke penalty you may drop a ball within two club-lengths of the point where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole.

If you think your ball may be lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds, to save time you may play a provisional ball providing:

you do so before going forward to look for your ball and (2).

you tell your opponent what you intend to do before playing it.

If a ball touches an artificial obstruction such as a hose, you may move the hose.

If your ball touches some immovable artificial obstruction, like a bench of drinking

fountain you may drop the ball within one club-length of the nearest point of relief but no nearer the hole.

If anywhere on the course except in a hazard or a putting green:

casual water

ground under repair or

a hole made by a burrowing animal

You may without penalty pick the ball up and drop it outside the area, within one-club-length of the nearest point of relief which is not nearer the hole. But in a bunker your ball lies in casual water, ground under repair or a hole made by a burrowing animal you have a choice of playing as it lies or lifting without penalty and dropping it without penalty in the hazard.

If you are certain that your ball is “lost” in ground under repair or in casual water or in a hole made by a burrowing animal you do not have to take a penalty stroke for a lost ball.

If a ball is completely covered by sand, fallen leaves or the like in a water hazard or sand trap, you may remove as much of the material as necessary so you can see the top of the ball.

If your ball lands in the sand trap you may not touch the hazard with your hand or club and clear away excess sand.

If you hit your tee shot into the water you may hit again from the tee with a one stroke penalty.

If your ball is in a water hazard and you think you can play it as it lies you may do so.

Golf Etiquette

When you reach the green leave your bag off the green.

If your ball lies against the pin and all of it does not lie below the level of the lip of the hole it cannot be counted as being in the cup.

When you pull the pin out the ball drops in it is counted as “holed out”.

If the ball falls away from the pin the ball is placed on the lip of the hole.

If your ball strikes an unattended flagstick after you play from the green you incur a penalty of loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play.

In match play if your ball hits the pin when it has been removed or while anyone is holding the pin you lose the hole.

If leaves or other loose impediments lie on the green you may remove them without penalty. If your ball moves after a loose impediment has been touched, it shall be replaced without penalty.

You must not touch the ground in your line of putt except that you may:

Repair a ball mark or an old plug.

Lift the ball for cleaning.

Remove a loose impediment.

If you land on the wrong green you must pick your ball up and drop it within one club length at the nearest point of relief but not nearer the hole.

In match play if your opponent's ball lies within your line of putt you may ask to have it picked up and marked.

On the putting green you may lift and clean your ball without penalty.

When finished putting player should immediately leave the green.

The most players to play a hole at one time is a foursome.

Bare patches, scrapes, roads, tracks and paths are not hazards.