



THE 20 MOST IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE RULES OF GOLF 2019

- 1. SEARCH TIME - REDUCED FROM 5 MINUTES TO 3 MINUTES.**
- 2. BALL MOVED DURING SEARCH – REPLACE NO PENALTY.**
- 3. EMBEDDED BALL – FREE RELIEF ANYWHERE THROUGH THE COURSE.**
- 4. MEASURING A DROP – USE LONGEST CLUB (EXCEPT PUTTER).**
- 5. DROPPING – DROP FROM KNEE HEIGHT RATHER THAN SHOULDER.**
- 6. TAKING STANCE ON WRONG GREEN IS NOT PERMITTED.**
- 7. BALL UNINTENTIONALLY HITS PLAYER OR EQUIPMENT – NO PENALTY.**
- 8. DOUBLE HIT – NO PENALTY. NOW COUNTS AS THE 1 STROKE.**
- 9. INCIDENTLY TOUCHING SAND IN BUNKER IS PERMITTED.**
- 10. LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS CAN BE REMOVED ANYWHERE INCLUDING BUNKERS.**
- 11. DROPPING A BALL OUT OF A BUNKER – 2 PENALTY STROKES.**
- 12. WATER HAZARDS – NOW CALLES “PENALTY AREAS”.**
- 13. TOUCHING GROUND IN PENALTY AREA – NO PENALTY.**
- 14. BALL MOVES ON GREEN AFTER BEING MARKED – REPLACE WITHOUT PENALTY.**
- 15. BALL ACCIDENTLY MOVED ON PUTTING GREEN – REPLACE NO PENALTY.**
- 16. ALL DAMAGE TO GREEN CAN NOW BE REPAIRED.**
- 17. POSITIONING A CLUB FOR ALIGNMENT IS NOT PERMITTED.**
- 18. CADDIE ASSISTING WITH ALIGNMENT IS NOT PERMITTED.**
- 19. PUTTING WITH THE FLAGSTICK IN HOLE IS PERMITTED.**
- 20. BALL WEDGED AGAINST THE FLAG STICK AND SIDE OF HOLE IS DEEMED AS HOLED.**