

BASIC USGA GOLF RULES (2019)		STROKE PLAY
	SITUATION	PENALTY AND/OR PROCEDURE
20	Relief Without Penalty (16)	Relief from movable/immovable obstructions, abnormal ground conditions, wrong putting green.
21	Nearest Point of Relief (Definitions) USGA Golf Rules Summarized and Distributed by: Women's Nine Hole Golf Association Of Northern California www.WNGHA.com	No Penalty. There is only one nearest point of relief. Must take <u>complete</u> relief so do not pick up the ball until certain you will take relief. a) Player should use the club, address position, direction of play and swing she would have used had the obstruction not been there. b) Find the closest spot from where the ball lies, no closer to the hole, where you can take a stance without the condition interfering with the ball, feet and swing. Mark that spot and then drop within one club length (longest club not including putter) of that spot no closer to the hole. c) Ball may roll and stop within relief area from where it first strikes the course, no closer to the hole. d) If player hits dropped ball <u>outside</u> of the relief area and has not taken complete relief, she is hitting from wrong place, has TWO STROKE PENALTY.

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10	Must not have more than 14 clubs (4.1b)	Two Stroke Penalty for each hole breached. Maximum 4 Strokes. Must indicate clubs removing or may face disqualification (4.1c)
11	Hitting another player's ball while putting	Two Stroke Penalty
12	Hitting wrong ball Must Correct (6.3)	Two Stroke Penalty
13	Hitting ball from wrong place (7.3)	Two Stroke Penalty. Must correct if player gains significant advantage
14	Grounding club in bunker (12.2b)	Two Stroke Penalty
15	Giving or asking for advice-information OK (10.2a)	Two Stroke Penalty
16	Playing Two Balls (20.1c)	If uncertain of rule may complete hole with two balls without penalty. Must report to committee for decision
17	Failure to mark ball before picking it up (14.1a)	One Stroke Penalty
18	Identifying ball (7.3), In penalty area Rule, Ball assists another player or interferes with her play	No penalty. Do not need to announce, MUST mark, lift, place BUT must NOT clean. If rule not followed - One Stroke Penalty
19	Artificial obstructions (16) interferes with stance or swing...cart path, sprinklers, ground under repair, stakes (red or yellow), signs, etc. <i>out of bounds markers are not obstructions and may not be moved.</i>	No Penalty. Nearest point of relief. Must take <u>complete</u> relief.

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6	Dropping ball (14.3)	Hold ball knee high and drop. If dropped incorrectly, may re-drop with No Penalty. (14.3)
7	Hitting incorrectly dropped ball (14.3)	One Stroke Penalty
8	Unplayable lie including unplayable lie in bunker (19)	<p>One Stroke Penalty and choice of options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Play ball from point of previous hit. b) Drop a ball two club lengths of the spot where the ball lay, not closer to the hole. If in bunker, must stay in bunker. c) Drop ball on an imaginary line from hole through point where original ball lay with no limit as to how far behind that point the ball is dropped. If in bunker, must stay in bunker <p>Two Stroke Penalty (19.3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) May drop outside bunker on an imaginary line straight back from hole through the spot of the original ball
9	Cleaning Ball (14.1c)	<p>May not clean ball when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Lifting to identify b) Lifting because ball is interfering with another player's ball c) Lifting to see if ball unfit for play. May always clean if ball on putting green. One Stroke Penalty for failure to observe rule.

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1	Out of bounds Must Correct (18.2) Ball is out of bounds when <u>entire</u> ball is out	One Stroke plus distance, play another ball from point of previous hit or Two Stroke New Local Rule
2	Lost ball (outside penalty area) Must Correct (18.2) a ball is lost if not found in three minutes	One Stroke plus distance, play another ball from point of previous hit or Two Stroke New Local Rule
3	Provisional ball (18.3)	Use if ball may be lost or may be out of bounds. Must announce or ball becomes ball in play
4	Ball in water penalty area (yellow stakes) (17.1) and definitions. Ball is considered in penalty area when any part of ball touches the penalty area	<p>No Penalty. Play all, as it lies, in penalty area. May ground club and move loose impediments or One Stroke Penalty with these options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Play a ball from point of previous hit b) Drop a ball along the imaginary line from the hole to where the ball crossed the penalty area as far back as desired
5	Ball in penalty area (red stakes) (17.1) and definitions. Ball is considered in penalty area when any part of ball touches the penalty area	<p>Player has all options from #4 above plus additional option below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Drop a ball within two club lengths of where the ball last crossed the boundary of the penalty area, no closer to the hole