

# Introduction to the New Rules of Golf - May 2018

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On the 1st January 2019, the R&A and USGA, will introduce the new modernised Rules of Golf. Golf NSW will be conducting education on the new Rules as we move towards their implementation.

As a step in that education process, the monthly quiz, will now focus on the new Rules. The answers to all questions in this quiz are based on these new Rules.

You can find more information about the new Rules [here](#)

You can also download a Proof copy of the new Rules of Golf [here](#)

Welcome to the start of your journey to learn the new Rules of Golf.

If you complete the quiz online you will receive your results and the answers at the end of the quiz. Click on the Start button to commence the quiz. Alternatively, if you wish to complete the quiz offline, you can display and print out a copy of the quiz using the "Golf NSW Rules Quiz" link below.

Good luck and thank you for your interest in the Rules of Golf.

**Q.1) What is a General Penalty?**

- A.  A one stroke penalty that applies in both match play and stroke play
- B.  A penalty that applies only in stroke play
- C.  A two stroke penalty in stroke play and loss of hole in match play

**Q.2) A ball that is to be dropped under the Rules may be dropped by the player, their partner or their caddie?**

- A.  True
- B.  False

**Q.3) When measuring a Relief Area or taking any other action under the Rules that requires measuring, the player may use the longest club in their bag including their putter?**

- A.  True
- B.  False

**Q.4) What is the Relief Area under the new Rules?**

- A.  A one club length area where the player may drop the ball
- B.  A two or two club length area where the player may drop the ball
- C.  The area where the player must drop the ball
- D.  An on course bathroom

**Q.5) A player may leave the flagstick in the hole and the ball may strike it when putting from on the putting green?**

- A.  True
- B.  False

- Q.6) **A player causes their ball to move on the putting green by accidentally bumping the ball with their putter. What is the correct action?**
- A.  No penalty and you play the ball as it lies
  - B.  No penalty and you replace the ball
  - C.  One stroke penalty and you replace the ball
  - D.  One stroke penalty and you play the ball as it lies
- Q.7) **A player is about to putt their ball from on the green and their caddie points out the line the player should use by touching the green with his or her hand. Which is correct?**
- A.  A one stroke penalty
  - B.  A two stroke penalty
  - C.  No penalty
- Q.8) **A player's ball lands near a hole made by a dog, such that the player must stand on the hole to play his or her next stroke. Is the player entitled to free relief?**
- A.  The player is not entitled to free relief because the hole was not made by a burrowing animal
  - B.  The player is not entitled to relief because the ball is not lying in the hole made by the dog
  - C.  The player is entitled to free relief
- Q.9) **A boundary object is a structure that is completely outside the boundary of the course?**
- A.  True
  - B.  False
- Q.10) **Temporary Water is?**
- A.  A water cooler that is placed on the course for a hot day
  - B.  A puddle of water from rain
  - C.  A temporary repair to the irrigation system on the course
- Q.11) **A player's ball is unplayable in a bunker. The player drops their ball outside the bunker, back-on-the-line, from the flag through where the ball lay in the bunker. Which is correct?**
- A.  The player incurs one penalty stroke
  - B.  The player incurs two penalty strokes
  - C.  The player cannot do this
- Q.12) **Under the new Rules a player can search for their ball for a maximum of:**
- A.  2 minutes
  - B.  3 minutes
  - C.  4 minutes
  - D.  Until the ball is declared lost