

Introduction to the New Rules of Golf - June 2018



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 does the term Natural Forces mean?

- A. The golfing gods
- B. The force exerted when hitting the ball
- C. The force that causes your ball to be attracted to water
- D. The effects of nature such as wind or water or perhaps gravity

Q.2) A ball to be dropped into a Relief Area may be casually tossed into the designated area, as long as it is tossed from knee height.

- A. True
- B. False

Q.3) A player's ball has entered a red lined Penalty Area. For a one stroke penalty the player correctly drops the ball in the measured Relief Area. The ball has not come to rest when it starts rolling down the bank and will cross the red line and fall into water in the Penalty Area. The player's caddie stops the ball before it crosses the red line. What is correct?

- A. The player has proceeded correctly. There is no penalty.
- B. There is a one stroke penalty and the ball must be re-dropped
- C. The general penalty applies and the ball must be re-dropped

Q.4) In a stroke play round, as the player takes their stance for a stroke on the fairway, the player's caddie stands behind the player to ensure they are lined up correctly. The caddie then steps away prior to the player taking the stroke. Which is correct?

- A. There is a one stroke penalty
- B. The general penalty applies
- C. There is no penalty
- D. The player must step away and re-take their stance

- Q.5) **On the putting green, a player's caddie stands behind the player as the player takes their stance, to help align the putt. The caddie then steps away. Prior to making the stroke the player also steps away and re-takes their stance. Which is correct?**
- A. There is a one stroke penalty
 - B. The general penalty applies
 - C. There is no penalty
 - D. The player is disqualified
- Q.6) **Without a Local Rule in place, is a player entitled to repair damage on the putting green made by a kangaroo?**
- A. True
 - B. False
- Q.7) **A player is putting from on the green and decides to leave the flagstick in the hole. The player's caddie seeing that the putt is moving quickly and is likely to strike the flagstick removes the flagstick. Which is correct?**
- A. There is a one stroke penalty
 - B. The general penalty applies
 - C. There is no penalty
- Q.8) **A player's ball is overhanging the hole. After reaching the hole without delay; how long can the player wait for the ball to fall into the hole?**
- A. 5 seconds
 - B. 10 seconds
 - C. 15 seconds
 - D. They cannot wait any longer after reaching the hole
- Q.9) **In a stableford round a player's round ends when they cannot get more than zero points on their final hole?**
- A. True
 - B. False
- Q.10) **Maximum Score is a form of stroke play where?**
- A. The player with the greatest number of net strokes wins the event
 - B. The player's score for a hole is capped at a maximum number of strokes as set by the Committee.
 - C. A team only event where the maximum number of strokes for the team is capped by the Committee
- Q.11) **A player who is preparing to drop the ball in a relief area accidentally drops the ball from knee height and it comes to rest in the relief area. Which is correct?**
- A. The player must play the ball as it lies
 - B. The player must re-drop the ball for a one stroke penalty
 - C. The player may optionally re-drop the ball without penalty
 - D. The player must re-drop the ball without penalty
- Q.12) **A ball that is embedded must touch the soil?**
- A. True
 - B. False