



Top 20 Rules to Know for 2019

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1. SEARCH TIME – REDUCED FROM 5 MINUTES TO 3 MINUTES
2. HITTING THE FLAGSTICK FROM A BALL STRUCK ON THE PUTTING GREEN – NO PENALTY
3. BALL MOVED DURING SEARCH – REPLACE WITH NO PENALTY
4. EMBEDDED BALL – FREE RELIEF ANYWHERE THROUGH THE GREEN
5. MEASURING A DROP – USE THE LONGEST CLUB (EXCEPT PUTTER)
6. DROPPING – DROP FROM KNEE HEIGHT RATHER THAN SHOULDER HEIGHT
7. TAKING YOUR STANCE ON THE WRONG GREEN IS NOT PERMITTED
8. BALL UNINTENTIONALLY HITS PLAYER OR EQUIPMENT – NO PENALTY
9. DOUBLE HIT – NO PENALTY, NOW ONLY COUNTS AS 1 STROKE
10. TOUCHING SAND IN BUNKER INCIDENTALLY IS PERMITTED
11. LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS CAN BE MOVED ANYWHERE INCLUDING HAZARDS
12. DROPPING A BALL OUT OF THE BUNKER – 2 PENALTY STROKES
13. WATER HAZARDS – NOW CALLED “PENALTY AREAS” (YELLOW WATER HAZARDS ARE NOT REQUIRED)
14. TOUCHING GROUND IN PENALTY AREA – NO PENALTY
15. BALL MOVES ON GREEN AFTER BEING MARKED – REPLACE WITH NO PENALTY
16. BALL ACCIDENTALLY MOVED ON PUTTING GREEN – REPLACE WITH NO PENALTY
17. ALL DAMAGE TO GREEN CAN NOW BE REPAIRED
18. POSITIONING A CLUB FOR ALIGNMENT IS NOT PERMITTED
19. CADDIE ASSISTING WITH ALIGNMENT IS NOT PERMITTED
20. PACE OF PLAY – IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT NO STROKE TAKES LONGER THAN 40 SECONDS... READY GOLF IS ALWAYS ENCOURAGED!!

