



## **The Most Important Changes to the Rules of Golf 2019**

Ball unintentionally hits player OR equipment - No Penalty.

Double Hit - Counts as 1 Stroke - No Additional Penalty.

Loose impediments can be remove anywhere including Hazards.

### **Searching For Ball**

1. Search Time reduced to 3 minutes.
2. Ball moved during search - Replace NO penalty.
3. Embedded Ball - Free relief anywhere on the course.

### **Dropping Ball**

1. Measuring a Drop - Use Longest club (except putter).
2. Drop from KNEE HEIGHT rather than shoulder.

### **On the Putting Green**

1. Taking a stance on the WRONG green is not permitted - Drop 1 Club Length from nearest point of relief.
2. Ball moves after marked - Replace No Penalty.
3. Ball Accidentally moved - Replace No Penalty.
4. All damage can be now be repaired.
5. Positioning a Club for Alignment - Not Permitted.
6. Caddie assisting with alignment - Not Permitted.
7. Flag stick can remain in the Hole while putting.
8. Ball wedged between Flag stick and edge of hole is deemed "Holed".

### **Bunker**

1. Touching sand incidentally is PERMITTED.
2. Loose impediments can be remove.
3. Dropping Ball OUTSIDE the bunker - 2 SHOT PENALTY.

### **Penalty Areas**

1. Touching the ground - NO PENALTY.
2. Water Hazards now called Penalty areas.