

# THE 18 RULES OF GOLF WE NEED TO KNOW THE MOST



## ***1. Red Lateral Hazard***

Option 1 – Play it from the hazard

Option 2 – Replay the shot from the original position incurring a stroke and distance penalty

Option 3 – Draw a line from the hole to where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard and drop anywhere behind that point keeping the point between you and the hole incurring a 1 shot penalty.

Option 4 – go to the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard and drop within 2 club lengths, no nearer the hole, on either side of the hazard incurring a 1 shot penalty.

## ***2. Yellow Water Hazard***

Option 1 – Play it from the hazard

Option 2 – Replay the shot from the original position incurring a stroke and distance penalty

Option 3 – Draw a line from the hole to where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard and drop anywhere behind that point keeping the point between you and the hole. You would incur a 1 shot penalty

## ***3. Lost Ball or Out-of-Bounds***

After looking for a maximum of 5 minutes, you must go back to where the shot was originally played from, and replay, incurring a stroke and distance penalty.

## ***4. Unplayable Lie***

Option 1 – Take 2 club lengths relief no closer to the hole and assess a 1 stroke penalty

Option 2 – Replay the shot from the original position incurring a stroke and distance penalty

Option 3 – Take the ball back as far as you want keeping the point where the ball lays between you and the hole incurring a 1 shot penalty

## ***5. Improving Your Swing Path***

You cannot bend, break or hack anything growing or fixed if it improves you lie, your stance, or your area of intended swing.

The penalty for doing so is loss of hole in match play, or a 2 shot penalty in stroke play.

## ***6. Unplayable Lie in a Bunker***

Option 1 – Take a drop of no more than 2 club lengths no closer to the hole, but still in the bunker incurring a 1 shot penalty

Option 2 – Replay the shot from the original position incurring a stroke and distance penalty

Option 3 – Go back as far as you like in the bunker and drop keeping that spot where your ball laid between you and the hole. This incurs a 1 shot penalty

## ***7. Removing Objects in a Bunker***

You may not move or remove any loose impediments in the bunker unless they are foreign to the area. Example – you may remove a candy wrapper but not a pine cone or tree branch

## ***8. Number of Allowed Clubs***

You are only allowed to carry 14 clubs in your bag. The penalty for carrying more than 14 clubs:

Match Play – Loss of hole – maximum of 2 holes

Stroke Play – 2 strokes per hole up to a maximum of 2 holes or 4 shots