

BASIC USGA RULES OF GOLF (2012-2015)		STROKE PLAY
	SITUATION	PENALTY and/or PROCEDURE
1	Out of bounds Must Correct (27.1) Ball is Out of Bounds when <u>entire</u> ball is out	One Stroke plus distance, play another ball from point of previous hit
2	Lost ball (outside hazard) Must Correct (27.1)	One Stroke plus distance, play another ball from point of previous hit
3	Provisional ball (27.2)	Use if ball may be lost or may be out of bounds. Must announce or ball becomes ball in play
4	Ball in a water hazard (yellow stakes) (26.1) and definitions. Ball is considered in hazard when any part of ball touches the hazard.	No Penalty. Play ball, as it lies, in hazard. May not ground club or move anything (unless identifying [Rule 12-1]) or One Stroke Penalty with these options: a) play a ball from point of previous hit b) drop a ball along the imaginary line from the hole to where the ball crossed the hazard as far back as desired
5	Ball in lateral hazard (red stakes) (26.1) and definitions. Ball is considered in hazard when any part of ball touches the hazard	Player has all options from #4 above plus these additional options: c) drop a ball within two club lengths of where the ball last crossed the boundary of the hazard, no closer to the hole d) drop a ball outside hazard within two club lengths at a point on the opposite margin of water hazard equidistant from hole

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6	Dropping ball (20.2)	Hold ball shoulder high, arm straight out and drop. If dropped incorrectly, may re-drop with No Penalty. (20.6)
7	Hitting incorrectly dropped ball (20.2a)	One Stroke Penalty
8	Unplayable lie including unplayable lie in bunker (28)	One Stroke Penalty and choice of options: a) play a ball from point of previous hit. b) drop a ball two club lengths of the spot where the ball lay, not closer to the hole. If in bunker, must stay in bunker c) drop a ball on an imaginary line from hole through point where original ball lay with no limit as to how far behind that point the ball is dropped. If in bunker, must stay in bunker.
9	Cleaning Ball (21.1)	May not clean ball when: a) lifting to identify b) lifting because ball is interfering with another player's ball c) lifting to see if ball unfit for play. May always clean if ball on putting green. One Stroke Penalty for failure to observe rule.

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10	Hitting flagstick when putting on green (17.3)	Two Stroke Penalty
11	Hitting another player's ball while putting (19.5)	Two Stroke Penalty
12	Hitting wrong ball Must Correct (15.3)	Two Stroke Penalty
13	Hitting ball from wrong place (20.7)	Two Stroke Penalty Must Correct if Player gains significant advantage
14	Grounding club in hazard (incl. bunker) (13.4)	Two Stroke Penalty
15	Giving or asking for advice -information OK (8.1 & 8.4)	Two Stroke Penalty
16	When ball in play, hitting your own or your partner's equipment (19.2)	One Stroke Penalty
17	Failure to mark ball before picking it up (20.1)	One Stroke Penalty
18	Identifying ball(12.2) [In hazard Rule 12-1] Ball assists another player or interferes with her play (20)	No Penalty. MUST announce, MUST mark, lift, place BUT must NOT clean. If rule not followed - One Stroke Penalty
19	Artificial obstruction (24.1 & 24.2) interferes with stance or swing...cart path, sprinklers, ground under repair (25.1), stakes (red or yellow), signs, etc. <i>Out of bounds markers are not obstructions and may not be moved.</i>	No Penalty. Nearest point of relief. Must take <u>complete</u> relief.

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20	Relief Without Penalty (24.3 and 25.1)	Relief from movable/immovable obstructions, abnormal ground conditions, wrong putting green.
21	<p>Nearest Point of Relief (Definitions)</p> <p>USGA Golf Rules Summarized and Distributed by: Women's Nine Hole Golf Association of Northern California www.WNHGA.com</p>	<p>No Penalty. There is only one nearest point of relief. Must take <u>complete</u> relief so do not pick up the ball until certain you will take relief.</p> <p>a) Player should use the club, address position, direction of play and swing she would have used had the obstruction not been there.</p> <p>b) Find the closest spot from where the ball lies, no closer to hole, where you can take a stance without the condition interfering with the ball, feet and swing. Mark that spot and then drop within one club length (any club) of that spot no closer to the hole.</p> <p>c) Ball may not be dropped in hazard. If rolls into hazard, redrop with no penalty.</p> <p>d) Ball may roll and stop within two club lengths from where it first strikes the course, no closer to the hole.</p> <p>e) If player hits dropped ball <u>outside</u> of the area above, she is hitting from wrong place, has Two Stroke Penalty.</p>