

REGISTER HOUSE GOLF CLUB

GENERAL GUIDANCE

PACE OF PLAY

- Simply put, hit when ready. If you reach your ball and are ready to hit, and it's safe to do so, go ahead and hit.
- Avoid travelling in a group from ball to ball on fairways.
- Always be ready to take your shot.
- On the green, begin lining up your putt and reading the break as soon as you reach the green.
- When it's your turn to putt be prepared to step right up and take the stroke.
- Leave your bags or golf carts to the side or rear of the green never in front of the green.
- Never stand on or next to the green after holing out in order to write down your score.

Write down your score at the next tee.

OUTING RULES

Unless otherwise stated within these guidelines, R&A rules are in effect

OR1 LOST BALL & PROVISIONAL SHOT

OR1.1 When a ball is clearly seen to go out of bounds or enter gorse, dense rough etc. please hit **ONLY ONE (1)** provisional shot. If your first ball is in bounds you can pick up your provisional shot, with no penalty, and play your original ball. This should **ALWAYS** be your first option.

OR1.2 If a member plays a shot and thinks the ball will be found, but subsequently cannot find the ball within the 3 minutes allowed to search, the member can drop a second ball on the edge of the fairway in line with where the lost ball is thought to have entered the gorse, dense rough, etc, and continue play with that ball with a penalty of **TWO (2)** strokes. The ball must **NOT** be dropped nearer the hole. **DO NOT** return to the tee to play a provisional shot.

OR1.3 If a member cannot find their first shot or their provisional shot, rule OR1.2 applies. The provisional shot is disregarded.

20 Must Know Rules of Golf Changes from 2019

1. Drop from knee height (NOT shoulder height)
2. Measure the area to drop in with the longest club in your bag (except a putter)
3. Drop in and play from the relief area
4. When dropping back-on-the-line, your ball cannot be played from nearer the hole than your chosen reference point
5. Time to search - 3 minutes (NOT 5 minutes)
6. If you accidentally move your ball when searching for it, replace it without penalty
7. No penalty for a double hit - it only counts as one stroke
8. No penalty if your ball hits you or your equipment accidentally after a stroke
9. No penalty if your ball strikes the flagstick when you have chosen to leave it in the hole (putting with the pin left in is now allowed).
10. Spike mark and other shoe damage on the putting green can be repaired
11. Ball accidentally moved on putting green - no penalty and replace
12. Ball marked, lifted and replaced on putting green is moved by wind to another position - replace ball on the original spot
13. Penalty areas replace water hazards, and you can move loose impediments, ground your club and take practice swings in penalty areas without penalty, just as you can on the fairway or in the rough
14. You can't take relief from a penalty area unless you are at least 95% certain your ball is in the penalty area
15. In bunkers you can move loose impediments
16. In bunkers you cannot touch the sand with your club in the area right in front of or right behind your ball, during your backswing or in taking practice swings
17. Free relief is allowed if your ball is embedded on the fairway or in the rough (but "embedded" means that part of your ball is below the level of the ground)
18. Unplayable ball in bunker - extra option to drop outside the bunker for 2 penalty strokes
19. You cannot have your caddie or your partner standing behind you once you begin taking your stance
20. Pace of Play - it is recommended that you take no longer than 40 seconds to make a stroke (and usually you should be able to play more quickly than that) and Ready Golf in stroke play is encouraged