

2019 New Rules of Golf

The new Modern Rules of Golf went into effect on January 1, 2019. The R&A and USGA have decreased the number of rules from 34 to 24. This is the most comprehensive change to the rules since first published in 1744. Below are some examples of the rules changes along with a link to the USGA website with some further explanation of these changes:

<http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rules-modernization/major-changes/major-changes.html>



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GOLF'S NEW RULES: KEY CHANGES

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Below are five of the most significant changes.

How to Drop a Ball



Drop your ball from knee height.

Time for Ball Search



Search for no more than 3 minutes.

Repairing Damage on Putting Green



Repair spike marks or other damage caused by animals, people or maintenance practices.

Leaving Flagstick in the Hole

You may make a stroke from the green with the flagstick in the hole.



Relaxed Rules in Penalty Areas

Ground your club, take practice swings, and move loose impediments in penalty areas.



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Other Key Changes

You may:

- Search for up to 3 minutes
- Repair spike marks
- Ground your club in penalty areas
- Remove loose impediments in penalty areas and bunkers
- Play ready golf

For more information, please visit usga.org/rules and download the **USGA Rules of Golf App** available for FREE on iOS and Android devices.



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