

MGA Rules of Golf Webinar

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Agenda

- MGA Updates
 - Championship Schedule Preview
 - Rules & Procedures Exam Release
 - Dates to Note – Spring 2022
- Rules Questions and Explanations
- PGA Tour Examples

MGA Rules Webinar Question Raffle

Returning in January 2022!

- Each Webinar will have a series of 5 questions
- Webinar Attendees will answer these questions during the Webinar
- Attendees will be awarded one point for each question they answer correctly
- Each point equals to one entry into the Raffle
- We will announce Raffle Winners at this year's Regional Rules Workshops

MGA Updates

2022 Championship Schedule Preview.

Highlights Include:

- May 2nd – 3rd – MGA Senior Amateur Championship @ Haworth
- June 6th – U.S. Open Championship SQR @ Old Oaks & Century
- June 7th – 9th – Long Island Open Championship @ Westhampton
- June 13th – 14th – Westchester Open Championship @ Sleepy Hollow
- June 27th – 28th – MGA Ike Stroke Play Championship @ Baltusrol (Lower)
- July 18th – 21st – Met Junior Championship @ St. George's
- August 4th – August 7th – Met Amateur Championship @ Fenway
- August 15th – August 21st – U.S. Amateur @ Ridgewood/Arcola
- August 23rd – 25th – Met Open Championship @ Bethpage Black
- October 11th – 12th – MGA Mid-Amateur Championship @ Tuxedo

67th Ike MGA Stroke Play Championship



120th Met Amateur Championship



107th Met Open Championship



MGA Updates

MGA Rules & Procedures Exam

- Mandatory exam for all R&C Committee Members
- Consists of 30 questions about Rules of Golf and MGA Procedures
- Some questions will be seen on future webinars

MGA Updates

- **Regional Rules Seminars**

- All three sessions will be conducted in person on March 26th
- Locations will be Baltusrol, Garden City CC, and Golf Central

- **Handicap & Rules Seminars**

- Four seminars will be conducted on Saturday mornings in March/April.
- More information/registration to come via email in 2022

- **Tournament Officials Seminar**

- Monday, May 9th @ Country Club of Darien
- ToS will once again be held in person, with an educational seminar in the morning including presentations, outdoor breakout groups, and golf in the afternoon.

Question #1

A player finds a ball within thirty seconds of a search that they believe is theirs. The ball is in a difficult lie so the player lifts and drops it back-on-the-line under the unplayable ball Rule. Before playing the ball, it's discovered that this ball isn't the player's original ball. The dropped ball is abandoned. Search resumes for the original ball that is found in two minutes of search and played. There is no penalty.

A. True

B. False

THREE MINUTES TO ANSWER

Searching For A Ball

- Under Rule 18.2a, a player is permitted three minutes to search for a ball before it is declared lost.
- When the player finds a ball they believe is the original ball, the clock stops whether or not it is in fact the original ball as the player has stopped the search.

18.2a(1)/1 – Time Permitted for Search When Search Temporarily Interrupted

A player is allowed three **minutes** to search for his or her ball before it becomes *lost*. However, there are situations when the “clock stops” and such time does not count towards the player’s three minutes.

The following examples illustrate how to account for the time when a search is temporarily interrupted:

- In *stroke play*, a player searches for his or her ball for one minute and finds a ball. The player assumes that ball is his or her ball, takes 30 seconds to decide how to make the *stroke*, choose a club, and plays that ball. The player then discovers that it is a *wrong ball*.

When the player returns to the area where the original ball was likely to be and resumes search, he or she has two more minutes to search. The time of search stopped when the player found the *wrong ball* and stopped searching.

Correcting a Mistake

14.5 Correcting Mistake Made in Substituting, Replacing, Dropping or Placing Ball

a. Player May Lift Ball to Correct Mistake Before Ball Is Played

When a player has *substituted* another ball for the original ball when not allowed under the Rules or the player's ball *in play* was *replaced, dropped* or placed (1) in a *wrong place* or came to rest in a *wrong place*, (2) in a wrong way or (3) by using a procedure that did not apply:

- The player may lift the ball without penalty and correct the mistake.
- But this is allowed only before the ball is played.

Questions?

Question #2

In match play, Player A lifts his ball from the putting green without marking it. The opponent, Player B, lifts his ball without marking it and says he has won the hole, because he thinks that A gets the general penalty. A immediately requests a ruling from the Committee, what is the ruling?

- A. B is correct and A gets the general penalty.
- B. B is not correct that A gets the general penalty and both A and B get a one-stroke penalty for lifting without marking and must replace their balls.
- C. There is no penalty to either player and the hole is tied.

THREE MINUTES TO ANSWER

Rule 9.4

9.4 Ball Lifted or Moved by Player

This Rule applies only when it is *known or virtually certain* that a player (including the player's *caddie*) lifted his or her ball at rest or caused it to *move*.

a. When Lifted or Moved Ball Must Be Replaced

If the player lifts his or her ball at rest or causes it to *move*, the ball must be *replaced* on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated) (see Rule 14.2), **except**:

- When the player lifts the ball under a Rule to take relief or to *replace* the ball on a different spot (see Rules 14.2d and 14.2e), or
- When the ball *moves* only after the player has begun the *stroke* or the backswing for a *stroke* and then goes on to make the *stroke* (see Rule 9.1b).

b. Penalty for Lifting or Deliberately Touching Ball or Causing It to Move

If the player lifts or deliberately touches his or her ball at rest or causes it to *move*, the player gets **one penalty stroke**.

Questions?

Question #3

Player A hits their tee shot into a sandy area within the general area. A nearby official sees the ball land and drives his cart in the area to assist with the search. Within three minutes the official finds the ball just behind his cart, embedded in its tire tracks. The player asks if they get relief for the official running over the ball. What is the correct ruling?

- A. The player is entitled to embedded ball relief and must drop the original, or another ball within a 1 club length relief area.
- B. The player is entitled to free relief and must replace the ball on the original or estimated spot. The player must use their best judgement to recreate the original lie in the sand.
- C. The player does not get free relief and must play the ball as it lies.

THREE MINUTES TO ANSWER

Rule 9.6

9.6 Ball Lifted or Moved by Outside Influence

If it is *known or virtually certain* that an *outside influence* (including another player in *stroke play* or another ball) lifted or *moved* a player's ball:

- There is no penalty, and
- The ball must be *replaced* on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated) (see Rule 14.2).

Rule 14.2d

d. Where to Replace Ball When Original Lie Altered

If the *lie* of a lifted or *moved* ball that must be *replaced* is altered, the player must *replace* the ball in this way:

(1) **Ball in Sand.** When the ball was in sand, whether in a *bunker* or anywhere else on the *course*:

- In *replacing* the ball on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated) (see Rule 14.2c), the player must re-create the original *lie* as much as possible.
- In re-creating the *lie*, the player may leave a small part of the ball visible if the ball had been covered by sand.

If the player fails to re-create the *lie* in breach of this Rule, the player has played from a *wrong place*.

Questions?

Question #4

In a match Player A is the first to play on short par 3, Player A's tee shot lands **10 yards** short of the hole in a yellow penalty area. Player B's tee shot lands **15 yards** left of the hole in the general area.

While Player B is walking to their ball, Player A takes back on the line relief, dropping **30 yards** from the hole and proceeds to hole out their next stroke. Player B asks to recall the shot, claiming Player A played out of turn. Which of the following is true.

- A. Player B cannot recall the stroke and A's ball is considered holed
- B. Player A's shot is canceled, and B is next to play.
- C. Player A receives a 1 stroke penalty for playing out of turn

THREE MINUTES TO ANSWER

Rule 6.4

d. When Player Takes Relief or Will Play Provisional Ball from Anywhere Except Teeing Area

The order of play under Rules 6.4a(1) and 6.4b(1) in these two cases is:

(1) Taking Relief to Play Ball from a Different Place Than Where It Lies.

- When Player Becomes Aware That He or She Is Required to Take Stroke-and-Distance Relief. The player's order of play is based on the spot where his or her previous *stroke* was made.
- When Player Has Choice to Play Ball as It Lies or Take Relief.
 - » The player's order of play is based on the spot where the original ball lies (which if not known must be estimated) (see Rule 14.2).
 - » This applies even when the player has already decided to take *stroke-and-distance* relief or to take relief to play from a different place than where the original ball lies (such as when the original ball is in a *penalty area* or will be treated as unplayable).

Rule 6.4

(2) Opponent May Cancel Player's Stroke Made Out of Turn. If the player plays when it was the *opponent's* turn to play, there is no penalty but the *opponent* may cancel the *stroke*:

- This must be done promptly and before either player makes another *stroke*. When the *opponent* cancels the *stroke*, he or she cannot withdraw the cancellation.
- If the *opponent* cancels the *stroke*, the player must, when it is his or her turn to play, play a ball from where that *stroke* was made (see Rule 14.6).
- If the *opponent* does not cancel the *stroke*, the *stroke* counts and the ball is *in play* and must be played as it lies.

Questions?

2021 Solheim Cup

Hole #13 – Nelly Korda



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Rule 13.3



b. What to Do If Ball Overhanging Hole Is Lifted or Moved Before Waiting Time Has Ended

If a ball overhanging the *hole* is lifted or *moved* before the waiting time under Rule 13.3a has ended, the ball is treated as having come to rest:

- The ball must be *replaced* on the lip of the *hole* (see Rule 14.2), and
- The waiting time under Rule 13.3a no longer applies to the ball. (See Rule 9.3 for what to do if the *replaced* ball is then *moved* by natural forces.)

If the *opponent* in *match play* or another player in *stroke play* deliberately lifts or *moves* the player's ball overhanging the *hole* before the waiting time has ended:

- In *match play*, the player's ball is treated as *holed* with the previous *stroke*, and there is no penalty to the *opponent* under Rule 11.2b.
- In *stroke play*, the player who lifted or *moved* the ball gets the **general penalty (two penalty strokes)**. The ball must be *replaced* on the lip of the *hole* (see Rule 14.2).

2021 Hero World Challenge

Hole #9 (17?) – Henrik Stenson & Jordan Spieth



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Rule 6.1

(1) **Match Play.** There is no penalty, but the *opponent* may cancel the *stroke*:

- This must be done promptly and before either player makes another *stroke*. When the *opponent* cancels the *stroke*, he or she cannot withdraw the cancellation.
- If the *opponent* cancels the *stroke*, the player must play a ball from inside the *teeing area* and it is still his or her turn to play.
- If the *opponent* does not cancel the *stroke*, the *stroke* counts and the ball is *in play* and must be played as it lies.

(2) **Stroke Play.** The player gets the **general penalty (two penalty strokes)** and must correct the mistake by playing a ball from inside the *teeing area*:

- The ball played from outside the *teeing area* is not *in play*.
- That *stroke* and any more strokes before the mistake is corrected (including *strokes* made and any penalty strokes solely from playing that ball) do not count.
- If the player does not correct the mistake before making a *stroke* to begin another hole or, for the final hole of the *round*, before returning his or her *scorecard*, the player is **disqualified**.

Questions?

Thank You!

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