



MGA Tournament Officials Webinar

April 23rd, 2020

Championship Updates

Chris Gaffney
Director, Championships

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Championship Updates

MGA Senior Amateur Championship: POSTPONED to October 6th & 7th

MGA Senior Net Four-Ball: Postponed and working on a reschedule

Public Links Championship and Qualifiers: CANCELLED – Pound Ridge will host in 2021

Ike Qualifiers: The Bonnie Briar and Garden City qualifiers are cancelled, the four remaining qualifiers and Championship proper continue as scheduled

LIGA Richardson: CANCELLED

LI President's Invitational: CANCELLED

LI Open Championship and Qualifying: Indefinitely postponed

Championship Updates

WGA Pub Links Championship: CANCELLED

WGA Open Championship Qualifying: Indefinitely postponed

WGA Open Championship: Continuing as scheduled, modifications will be made to qualifying and exemptions.

U.S. Open LQR's: CANCELLED

U.S. Open SQR: In flux

U.S. Open Championship @ Winged Foot: POSTPONED to September 17th – 20th

U.S. Senior Open SQR: CANCELLED

U.S. Senior Women's Open SQR: CANCELLED

Rules & Competition Committee Leadership

Chris Gaffney
Director, Championships

Thank you to outgoing Committee Chair:
Charlie Beach

Welcome New Committee Chair:
Charles Weisman

Thank you to outgoing Committee Vice-Chair:
Dennis Lynch (LI)

Welcome New Committee Vice-Chairs:
Mike Schlein (NJ)
Adam Russell (LI)
Howie Meditz (W/CT)

R&C Committee Service Recognition



MGA Championships could not be run efficiently without the assistance of our R&C Committee Members.

We would like to recognize these Committee Members who have went above and beyond for many years for the MGA, LIGA & WGA.

2001

Missy Crisp
James Tomlin
Donald Olmstead

2002

Scott Stearns
Bob Ferguson
Michael Kopelman

2003

Bob Conyers
Jerry Kapalko
Chris Malone
Jack Partilla
Adam Russell
Jay Sessa
Tom Taylor
Joe Kardel
Bill Nickerson
Charlie Beach
Allan Small

2004

Dwight Stocker
Joe Bardon
Steve Boyd
Dave Menapace

2005

Paul D'Ascoli
Jack Lauricella
Michael Cardosa

2006

Joe Caudiella
Micahel Sullivan
Dave Nowicki

2007

John Gonser
Mark Canno

2008

Sandy Hom
Richard Haverly
Frank Hendricks

2009

Jordan Ziegler
Richard Sosis
Steve Rothschild
David Shunk
Andy Stock

New Members:**2010**

Steven Smith
Gregg Angelillo
Dave Hackett
Jim McClelland



1991

Don Hendler
Norman Meyers
Robert Milanese

1992

James Dunne
Jack Hurley
John Gillen

1994

Mike Gesmundo
Greg Falk

1995

Chris Chace

1996

John Busch
Ira Smitheimer
Donald Poe
Tim Small

1997

Bill Fishman
Ron Murray
Mark Rubeo
Larry Carpenter

1998

Jim Olnhausen
Tom Berberian
James Walton

1999

Douglas Smith
Henri Van Dam

**NEW MEMBER:
Jerry Loeber (2000)**



1982

Jon Schippers
Jim Litvack

1984

C.A. Wimpfheimer
Stephen Kay
Gregory Hoffman

1985

Howard Seitz

1987

Matt Ward

1988

Alan Tarter

1989

Robert Capazzi
William Gardella
Joe Loparco
Bob Thomas
Sandy Schoenbach

New Member:

Dennis Shea (1990)



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Gene Donovan (1978)
2019 Jerry Mahoney Award Recipient



Committee Portal Demo

Sean Murphy,
Manager, Championship Operations



Committee Portal Demo

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Committee Portal Demo

Volunteer Portal (Golf Genius)



The screenshot displays the MGA Volunteer Portal. At the top is the MGA logo with the tagline "METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION THE MGA... SO YOU CAN PLAY". Below the logo is a dark navigation bar with links: Home, Championship Schedules, Rules Resources, Committee Assignments, Contact, and Sign In. A row of four golf-related images follows. The main heading reads "Welcome to the MGA Volunteer Portal!". Below this, a red text block provides instructions: "Welcome to the New R&C Committee Portal! If you are unsure if you have made an account in the past, follow the link below for 'R&C Committee Directory.' If you appear on the Directory, that means you are already registered! If you have not registered for the New Portal, please follow the link below 'Register Here.'" A dark "Register Here" button is centered below the text. A secondary navigation bar contains links: Home, Championship Schedules, Rules Resources, Committee Assignments, and Contact. The main content area features three columns: "R&C Committee Directory" with a photo of two men, "2020 MGA Updates" with a date of April 6th, 2020 and a notice about the postponement of the 120th U.S. Open Championship, and "2020 Event Registration" with a photo of two men on a golf course.

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2020 Event Registration

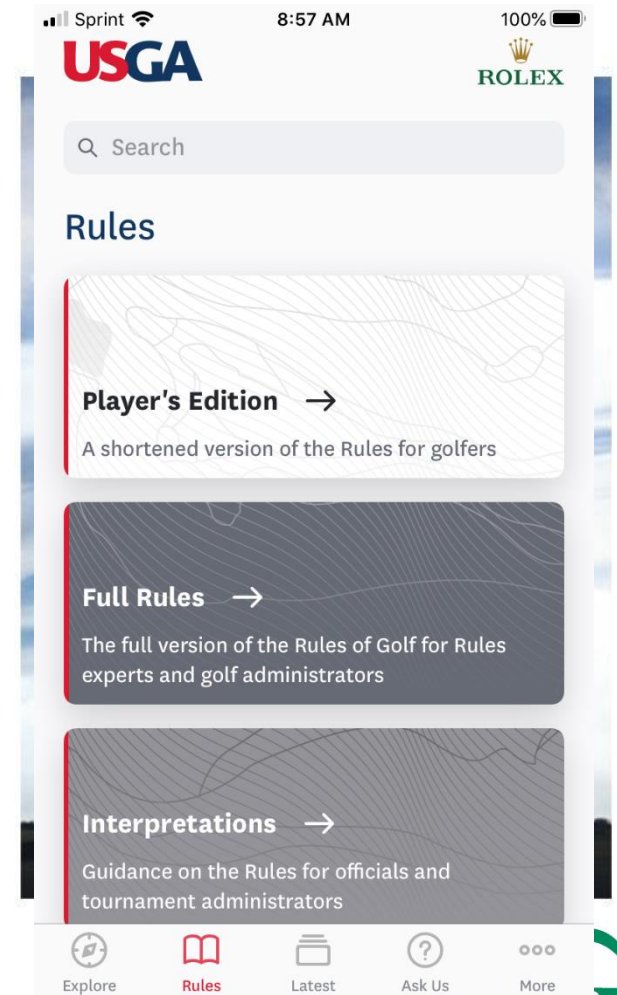
April 6th, 2020
The USGA has announced the postponement of the 120th U.S. Open Championship.

Digital Learning


Like the rest of the world, the Rules of Golf are evolving more rapidly than ever...



The Rules of Golf Book itself is no longer the best resource to learn the Rules...

The best resources are now online!




USGA Online Resources

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Explore the Rules




The Rules of Golf

Explore the Player's Edition, Full Rules, and Official Guide.




Major Rules Changes

Explore the major changes introduced in the 2019 Rules.




Rules Publications

Order the Player's Edition, Full Rules and/or the Official Guide.



Rules Clarifications

View a list of clarifications of the 2019 Rules of Golf.



Modified Rules

Learn more about how the Rules apply to players with disabilities.

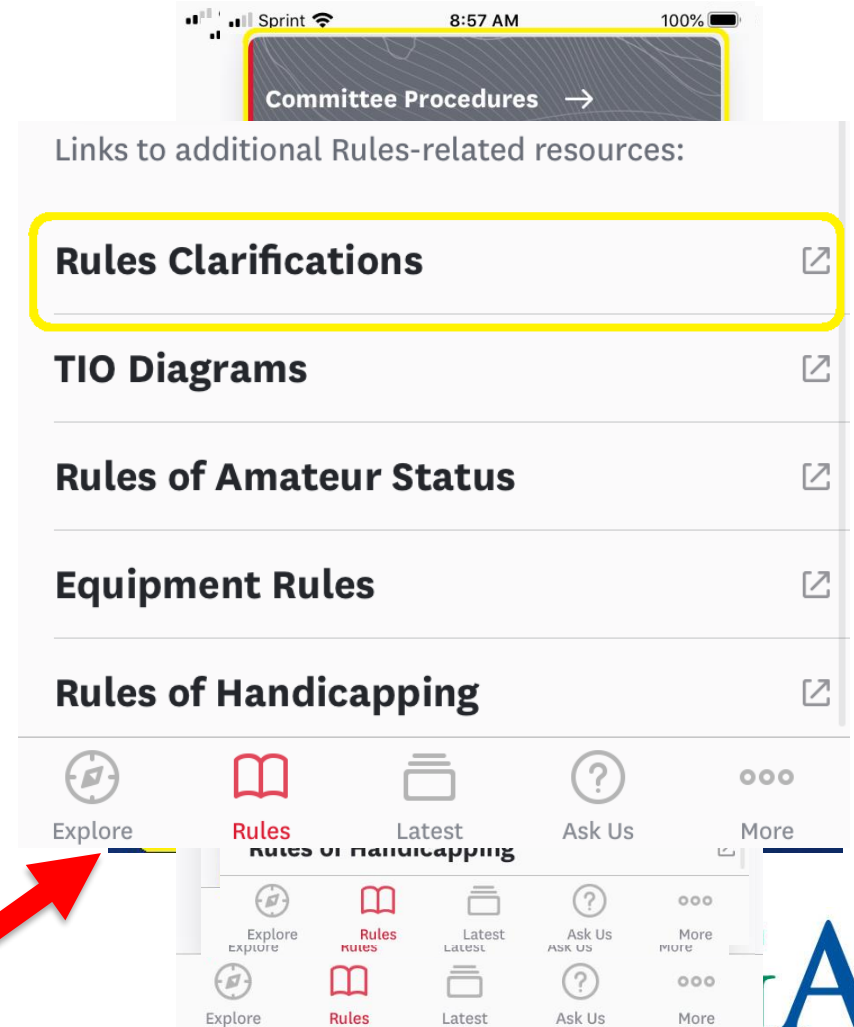
USGA.org provides numerous ways to **explore** the Rules of Golf...

USGA Rules of Golf Mobile App

The USGA Rules of Golf Mobile App can be accessed anywhere, anytime...

...and it houses all major Rules Publications:

1. Rules of Golf (Full Version)
2. Player's Edition
3. Official's Guide (Interpretations & Committee Procedures)
4. Clarifications



Clarifications

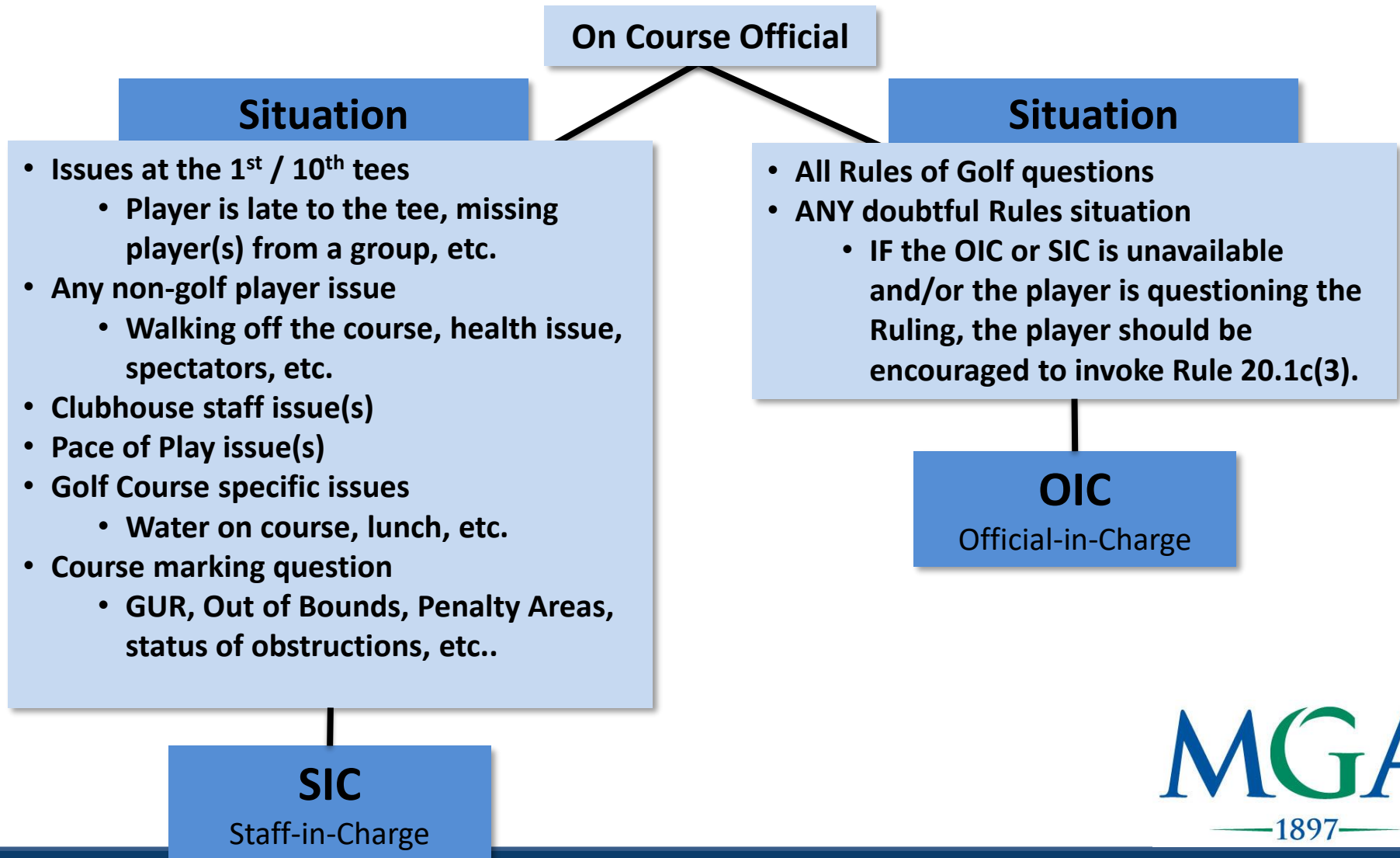
- Updated quarterly by the USGA (January, April, July, October)
- Available through the **mobile app**, not available in print books
- Some examples of Clarifications topics:
 - Caddie Alignment
 - Green Reading Materials
 - Backstopping

The Spirit of Officiating

Rules Official's Role

Communication On-Course

Chain of Command



Spirit of Officiating

The ***primary role*** of a Rules Official is to:

- **lend assistance** and
- **offer counsel**

to help players **avoid** unnecessary penalties and...

...**obtain relief** when entitled.



Spirit of Officiating

Reminder:

- You do **NOT need to know every Rule of Golf** to be a great Rules Official!
- Follow the **chain of command** and proper procedures.
 - **Use your radio!**



Spirit of Officiating

Competitors are ***keenly aware*** of how well a competition is conducted.



There are **three rules** to live by for a Rules Official to ensure that a championship is professionally administered...

Spirit of Officiating

#1 – ***Be Active!*** Do **NOT** use your role as an Official to simply watch golf.



Spirit of Officiating



**#2 – Do not fear
embarrassment**

If you don't
know, ask!

Spirit of Officiating

#3 - Do not rush!

It is always better to get the right answer.



Attitude is Everything

Maintaining the proper attitude and communicating effectively with players are key characteristics of the best officials.

- Be **friendly** and willing to help.
- Be civil and courteous; **NEVER** be confrontational.
- Be professional and confident – especially when you're unsure.



- **Be alert** and be quiet!

Prior to Championship

Prior to an event that you registered to volunteer for, you'll receive an **email** from the Championship Department containing:

- Committee Assignments Sheet
- Memo to Players (i.e. tournament-related information)
- Pairings and Starting Times

METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

97th Met Open Championship
Plainfield Country Club, Plainfield, N.J.
Tuesday - Thursday, August 21-23, 2012

PAIRINGS

Round 1 (Tuesday)	Round 2 (Wednesday)	
Tee/Time	Tee/Time	
1 7:30 am	10 12:30 pm	Adam Fuchs, Bethpage State Park Golf Club
		Matt McKeon, Plainfield Country Club
		(a) Sam Bernstein, Century Country Club
1 7:40 am	10 12:40 pm	Chris Case, Mount Kisco Country Club
		Kevin Weyeneth, Hollywood Golf Club
		(a) Matt Ranum, Atlantic Golf Club
1 7:50 am	10 12:50 pm	Cody Allen Boyd, Fenway Golf Club
		Jamie Kilmer, Wheatley Hills Golf Club
		(a) Mike Stamberger, Plainfield Country Club
1 8:00 am	10 1:00 pm	(a) Benjamin Smith, MGA eClub - New Jersey
		Danny Balin, Burning Tree Country Club
		Mike J Ballo, Jr., Woodway Country Club
1 8:10 am	10 1:10 pm	Brian Krulfeffer, Knickerbocker Country Club
		(a) Doug Walters, Rolling Green Golf Club
		John Murphy, Brooklawn Country Club
1 8:20 am	10 1:20 pm	Kirk Satterfield, Golf Club of Purchase
		Michael Furci, St George's Golf & Country Club
		(a) Nick Sica, Suburban Golf Club
1 8:30 am	10 1:30 pm	David Sanders, Monmouth Golfers
		(a) Dennis Lynch, Nassau Players Club
		Grant Turner, Siwanoy Country Club
1 8:40 am	10 1:40 pm	Frank Esposito Jr., Brooklake Country Club
		Keith Dicciani, Fresh Meadow Country Club
		Mike Gilmore, Winged Foot Golf Club
1 8:50 am	10 1:50 pm	John Stoltz, Concord Monster Golf Club
		Mark Mielke, Mill River Club, Inc.
		Tyler Hall, Packanack Golf Club
1 9:00 am	10 2:00 pm	Bill Britton, Trump National Golf Club - Colts Neck
		David Glenz, Black Oak Golf Club
		Lou Kubisa, Knob Hill Golf Club
1 9:10 am	10 2:10 pm	Ben Sequeira, Westchester Country Club
		(a) Hyung Mo Kim, Darlington Golf Club
		Michael Laudien, Rotella Golf Course
1 9:20 am	10 2:20 pm	(a) Harrison Shih, Alpine Country Club
		Jesse Fitzgerald, Garden City Golf Club
		Philip Cardwell, Quaker Ridge Golf Club

The MGA....So You Can Play

For MGA and Met Area results and scores visit www.mgagolf.org

Preparation for Championship

Items you **should** bring to the golf course:

- The Rules of Golf book
- Clipboard
- Sun block and sunglasses
- Binoculars
- Rain gear and umbrella



Arriving at the Course

- **Arrive early** and **check-in** with an MGA Staff member.
- Get your radio (test), some breakfast, and report to SIC for your assignment.
- If assigned as a Starter, be in position **15 minutes** prior to the first tee time.
- If assigned a specific hole, be in position in time for the arrival of the first groups.
- **Remember**, the MGA are guests of the host club and we should keep this in mind at all times during our stay on the grounds.

Championship Materials

Items you **should** pick up upon arriving at the golf course:

- Radio and earpiece
- Notice to Players (Local Rules)
- Course scorecard and layout (if available)
- Pace of Play matrix

METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

97th Met Open Championship
Plainfield C.C.
Tuesday, August 21, 2012

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Totals
Par	4	3	5	4	3	4	5	4	4	36
Time	0:15	0:13	0:16	0:15	0:14	0:14	0:16	0:14	0:14	2:11

Turn Time
9 - 10 0:03
16 - 17 0:03

Groups Starting on Tee #1

Starting Times Beginning with 7:30 am

Group	Start #1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1	Matt McKeon Sam Bernstein Adam Fuchs	7:30	7:45	7:58	8:14	8:29	8:43	8:57	9:13	9:27	9:41
2	Kevin Weyeneth Daniel Gordon Matt Rarum	7:40	7:55	8:08	8:24	8:39	8:53	9:07	9:23	9:37	9:51
3	Mike Stamberger Cody Allen Boyd Jamie Kilmer	7:50	8:05	8:18	8:34	8:49	9:03	9:17	9:33	9:47	10:01
4	Benjamin Smith Mike J Ballo, Jr. Danny Balin	8:00	8:15	8:28	8:44	8:59	9:13	9:27	9:43	9:57	10:11
5	John Knutson John Murphy Doug Walters	8:10	8:25	8:38	8:54	9:09	9:23	9:37	9:53	10:07	10:21
6	Nick Sica Kirk Satterfield Michael Furci	8:20	8:35	8:48	9:04	9:19	9:33	9:47	10:03	10:17	10:31
7	David Sanders Grant Turner Dennis Lynch	8:30	8:45	8:58	9:14	9:29	9:43	9:57	10:13	10:27	10:41
8	Frank Esposito Jr. Mike Gilmore Keith Diccianni	8:40	8:55	9:08	9:24	9:39	9:53	10:07	10:23	10:37	10:51
9	Tyler Hall John Stoltz Mark Mielke	8:50	9:05	9:18	9:34	9:49	10:03	10:17	10:33	10:47	11:01
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11	Michael Laudien Ben Sequeira Hyung Mo Kim	9:10	9:25	9:38	9:54	10:09	10:23	10:37	10:53	11:07	11:21
12	Harrison Shah Pat Wilson Jesse Fitzgerald	9:20	9:35	9:48	10:04	10:19	10:33	10:47	11:03	11:17	11:31

10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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10:49	11:04	11:17	11:31	11:47	12:00	12:16	12:31	12:45
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11:49	12:04	12:17	12:31	12:47	1:00	1:15	1:31	1:45

Groups Starting on Tee #10

Starting Times Beginning with 7:30 am

Group	Start #10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
15	Patrick Pierson Brad Tilley Greg Elmos	7:30	7:45	8:00	8:13	8:27	8:43	8:56	9:11	9:27	9:41
16	Andy Buege Brian Tohir Anthony Casalino	7:40	7:55	8:10	8:23	8:37	8:53	9:06	9:21	9:37	9:51
17	Rex Riley Peter Ballo Jason Lyons	7:50	8:05	8:20	8:33	8:47	9:03	9:16	9:31	9:47	10:01
18	Brent Skader Mike Miller Mike Meehan	8:00	8:15	8:30	8:43	8:57	9:13	9:26	9:41	9:57	10:11
19	Allan Small Heath Wassem Sean Farren	8:10	8:25	8:40	8:53	9:07	9:23	9:36	9:51	10:07	10:21
20	Ryan Snouffer Nick Maselli Joseph Horowitz	8:20	8:35	8:50	9:03	9:17	9:33	9:46	10:01	10:17	10:31
21	Scott W Paris Carl Alexander John Bushika	8:30	8:45	9:00	9:13	9:27	9:43	9:56	10:11	10:27	10:41
22	Jeffrey Schaller Kyle Baehler Ryan Skipton	8:40	8:55	9:10	9:23	9:37	9:53	10:06	10:21	10:37	10:51
23	Brian Gaffney Mike Duffey Tarik Can	8:50	9:05	9:20	9:33	9:47	10:03	10:16	10:31	10:47	11:01
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CH - Clubhouse

A - Carts behind #5 Green
B - Carts next to #15 Green

1	CH	CH	CH	10	CH	CH	CH
2	CH	A	A	11	CH	CH	CH
3	A	A	A	12	CH	CH	CH
4	B	A	A	13	CH	CH	CH
5	A	A	B	14	B	B	B
6	A	A	CH	15	B	B	B
7	CH	CH	CH	16	B	B	B
8	CH	CH	CH	17	B	B	B
9	CH	CH	CH	18	B	CH	CH

Holes designated with a blue background have bottled water next to the tee.

Rules of Golf



**Nick Roden, Coordinator,
Championships**

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Teeing Area

- Our starters are often the face of the MGA for players.
- Starter must keep groups on time; provide final rules and conduct reminders.
- The starter's table is key for a well-run competition on both the player and committee side.



The Starter's Responsibilities

- Provide players all necessary documents (scorecard, Notice to Players, etc.)
- Highlight all important Local Rules and Pace of Play policies
- Strongly encourage Doubt as to Procedure (Rule 20.1c(3)) for stroke play rounds.



Abnormal Course Conditions

- What is an abnormal course condition?
 - Animal Holes
 - Ground Under Repair
 - Temporary Water
 - Immovable Obstructions

Free Relief is available if a player has interference for any of the following:

- 1) Lie of the ball
- 2) Player's Stance
- 3) Area of intended swing



Rule 14.3b - Ball Must Be Dropped in Right Way

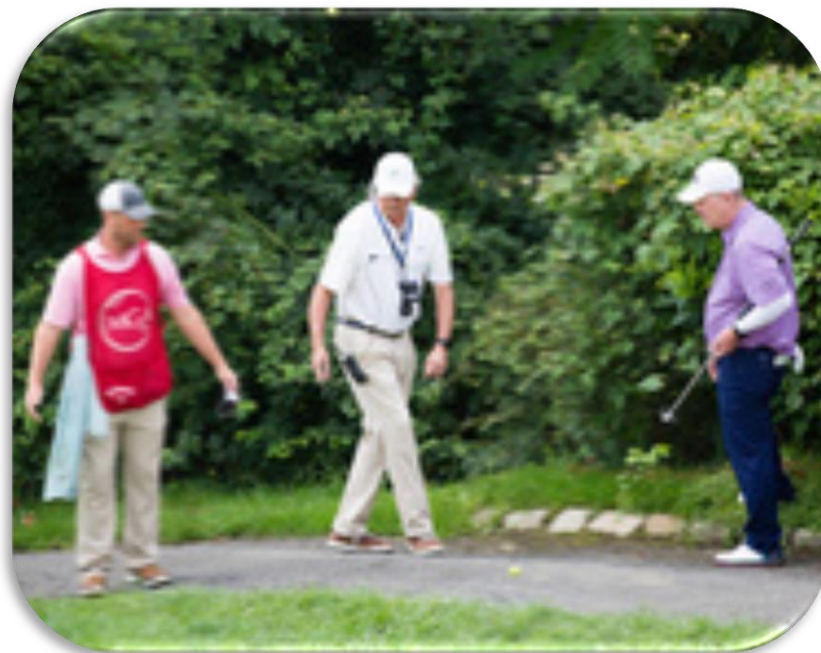


- The player must drop a ball in the right way, which means all three of these things:
 - The player must drop the ball. Neither the player's caddie nor anyone else may do so.
 - Ball Must be Dropped Straight Down from Knee Height Without Touching Player or Equipment.
 - The ball must fall straight down, without the player throwing, spinning or rolling it or using any other motion that might affect where the ball will come to rest, and
 - Does not touch any part of the player's body or equipment before it hits the ground.

**** "Knee Height" means the height of the player's knee when in a standing position.****

Definition: Relief Area

- The area where a player must drop a ball when taking relief under a Rule. Each relief Rule requires the player use a specific relief area whose size and location are based on these three factors:
 - 1) Reference Point
 - 2) Size of the Relief Area
Measured from Reference Point
 - 3) Limits on Location of Relief Area



Measure club-lengths using the longest club in your bag other than your putter

Loose Impediments Vs. Movable Obstructions

- Definition: Any unattached natural object such as stones, loose grass, leaves, sticks, etc.
- Relief (Rule 15.1): Without penalty, a player may remove a loose impediment anywhere in any way.
- However: If the player causes their ball to move during the removal, 1 PS and they must replace the ball.

- Definition: An artificial object that can be moved with reasonable effort and without damaging the obstruction or the course.
- Relief (Rule 15.2): Without penalty, a player may remove a movable obstruction anywhere in any way.
- If the ball moves during the removal, the player replaces the ball on its original spot, no penalty.

Known or Virtually Certain

- Definition: The standard for deciding what happened to a player's ball – for example, whether the ball came to rest in a *penalty area*, whether it *moved* or what caused it to *move*.
- If we do not know for certain but there is very little doubt of what occurred (95% sure), we can say the event in question happened.
- Ex: None of the players saw the ball go in the penalty area, but the ball was last seen bouncing towards a penalty area surrounded by closely mown grass. We can be virtually certain that the ball is in the penalty area.

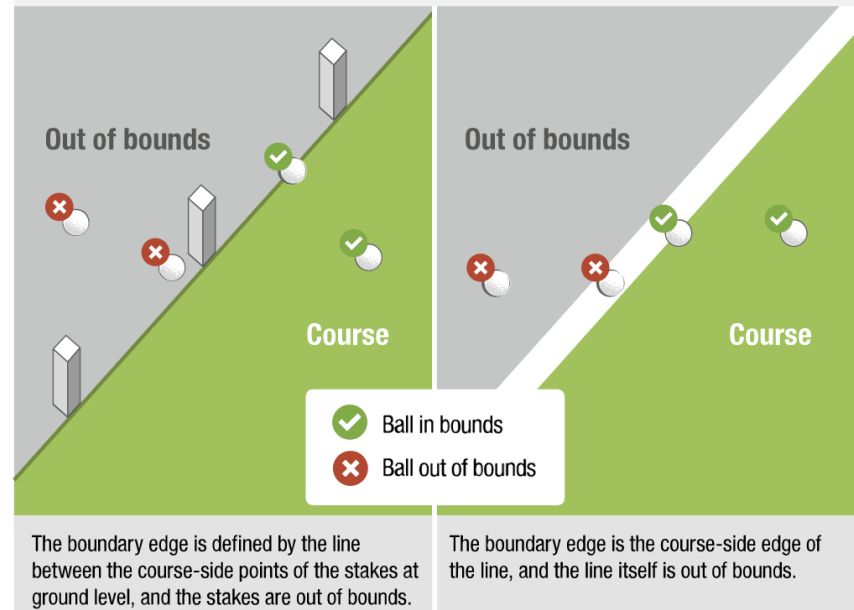


Out of Bounds

- The Notice to Players will note all Out of Bounds on the golf course.
- OB is defined as the course-side points of the boundary objects at ground level.
- Boundary objects such as stakes are **not** movable obstructions. Cannot be removed or taken relief from.
- The player's only option is to proceed under Stroke and Distance.

DIAGRAM 18.2a: WHEN BALL IS OUT OF BOUNDS

A ball is out of bounds only when all of it is outside the boundary edge of the course. The diagrams provide examples of when a ball is in bounds and out of bounds.



Penalty Areas

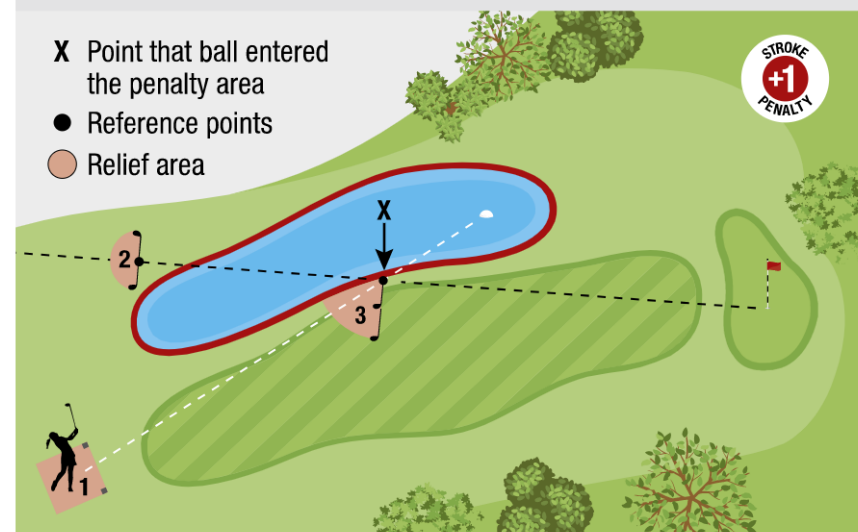
- Two types of Penalty Areas – Red or Yellow
- The boundary of penalty areas are identified with stakes and defined with painted lines.
- If the player has found their ball in a penalty area, they have the choice between playing the ball or taking relief.
- The player's options for relief depend on whether the penalty area is red or yellow.



Penalty Areas

- **Actions Permitted:**
 - Ground your club
 - Take Practice Swings
 - Touch Water
 - Remove loose impediments
- **Relief Options for Penalty Area (1 Penalty Stroke):**
 - Stroke and Distance
 - Back-On-The-Line Relief
 - Lateral Relief: 2 club lengths from point from ball crossed the penalty area boundary.
 - ONLY for **RED** Penalty Areas

DIAGRAM #2 17.1d: RELIEF FOR BALL IN RED PENALTY AREA

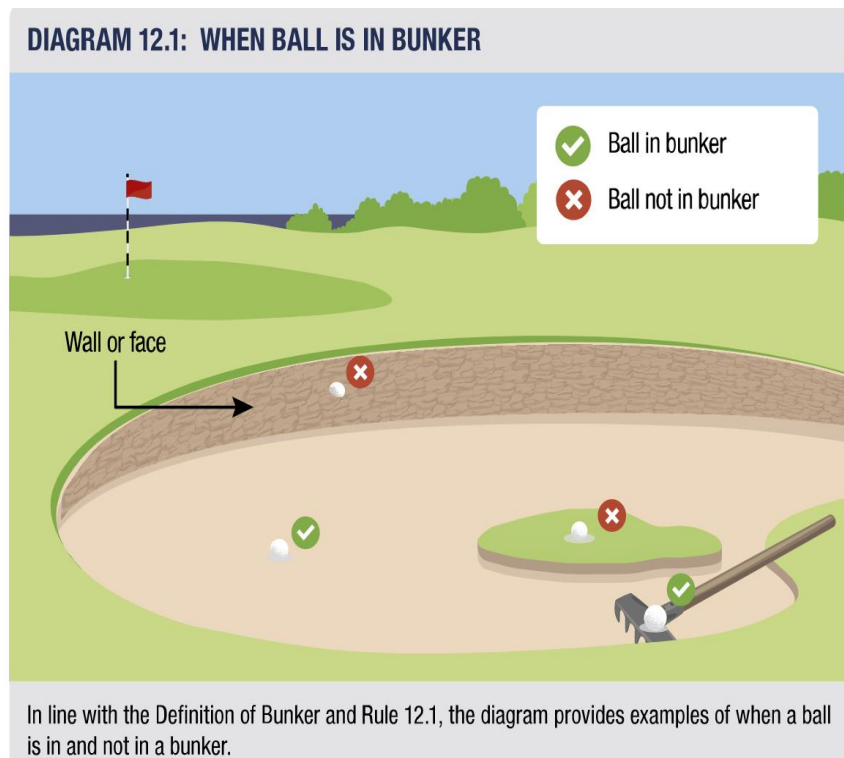


When it is known or virtually certain that a ball is in a red penalty area and the player wishes to take relief, the player has **three options**, each for one penalty stroke:

- (1) The player may take stroke-and-distance relief (see point (1) in Diagram #1 17.1d).
- (2) The player may take back-on-the-line relief (see point (2) in Diagram #1 17.1d).
- (3) The player may take lateral relief (red penalty area only). The reference point for taking lateral relief is point X, which is the estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area. The relief area is two club-lengths from the reference point, is not nearer to the hole than the reference point and may be in any area of the course, except the same penalty area.

Bunkers

- A ball is considered in a bunker when it is inside the edge of the bunker.
- A ball is **not** in the bunker if it is on grass or other natural objects inside the edge of the bunker.
- Permitted Actions when ball is in the bunker:
 - Removing loose impediments
 - Lay other clubs or equipment down for convenience
 - Lean on a club or rake for balance
 - Actions for care of the course (Raking old footprints, divots, etc.)



Bunkers

- Prohibited Actions when a ball is in the bunker:
 - 1) Testing condition of the bunker the ball is in
 - 2) Must not ground the club in preparation for a stroke
 - 3) Touching the sand with the backswing of a stroke
- Players may use a rake/club to probe the sand in a bunker.
 - Examples: searching for a ball, seeing if there is interference from an immovable obstruction, or for loose impediments.
- When identifying a ball in a bunker, a player **must** recreate the ball's original lie when replacing.



Ball Unplayable

Q: When is a ball **unplayable**?

A: Whenever the player deems the ball to be **unplayable**.

The player is the sole judge as to whether the ball is **unplayable**.



Ball Unplayable

You **MAY** deem
your ball
unplayable at
any place on the
course, **EXCEPT**...

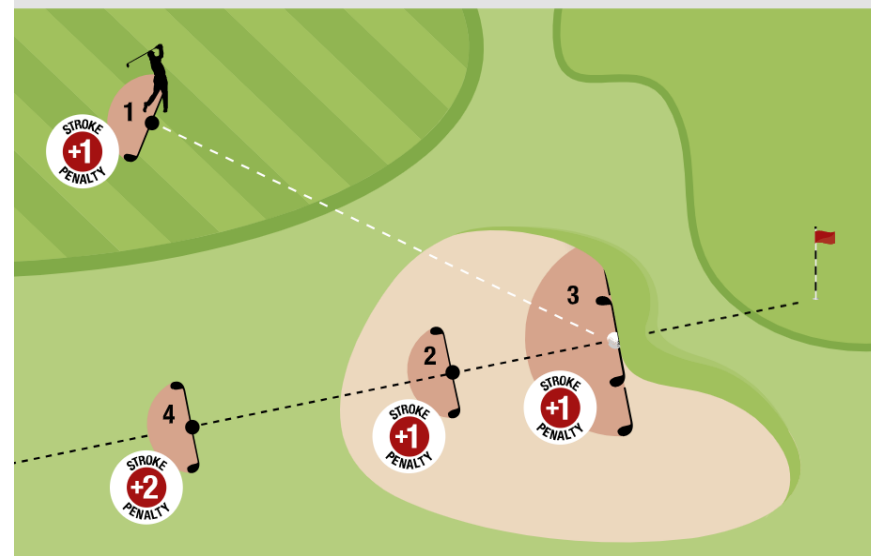
...when the ball is in
a ***penalty area***.



Ball Unplayable

- Once a player deems a ball unplayable they must proceed under one of the three options (All 1 Penalty Stroke):
 - Stroke & Distance
 - Back-On-The-Line Relief: Using the ball for the reference line.
 - Lateral Relief: Using the ball as the reference point.
- Ball Unplayable in Bunker:
 - Player has the same 3 options above. However, the ball **MUST** stay in the bunker for Options 2 & 3.
 - Additional Option: Player may take Back-On-The-Line relief outside of the bunker for a 2 Stroke Penalty.

DIAGRAM 19.3: RELIEF OPTIONS FOR BALL UNPLAYABLE IN BUNKER



Putting Green



- **Repair of Damage**
 - A Player may repair damage on the putting green without penalty by taking reasonable actions to restore the putting green as nearly as possible to its original condition.
- **"Damage on Putting Green" includes:**
 - Ball Marks, shoe damage (spike marks) and scrapes or indentations caused by equipment or a flagstick.
 - Old hole plugs, turf plugs, seems of cut turf and scrapes or indentations from maintenance tools or vehicles.
 - Animal tracks or hoof indentations.
 - Embedded objects (such as stones, acorns or tees).

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- **"Damage on Putting Green" DOES NOT include:**
 - Normal practices for maintaining the overall condition of the putting green (such as aeration holes and grooves from vertical mowing)
 - Irrigation or rain or other natural forces
 - Natural surface imperfections (such as weeds or areas of bare, diseased or uneven growth)
 - Natural wear of the hole



Putting Green

- **Ball Moved On Putting Green:**
 - Rule 9.3 (Exception)
 - Ball on putting green must be replaced if it moves after the player had already lifted and replaced the ball on the spot from which it moved
 - The ball must be replaced on its original spot
 - This is true no matter what caused the ball to move (including natural forces)
 - Rule 9.4 (Exception 3)
 - There is no penalty when the player accidentally causes the ball to move on the putting green (see Rule 13.1d), no matter how that happens



The Flagstick

- **Player's Options:**
 1. Leave flagstick in (No penalty if ball hits flagstick)
 2. Have flagstick attended (No penalty if ball accidentally hits flagstick/attende
 3. Have flagstick removed from the hole.
- The player has all three of these options before every stroke during the round.



The Flagstick

- Once the player has made their decision and made a stroke, they can NOT change their decision.
 - Ex: Player chooses to leave flagstick in, they can't have the flagstick pulled once the ball is in motion from the stroke.
- The player must authorize the flagstick being attended, this can be either verbal or not objecting to a player/caddie standing in a position to attend.



Scorecard Collection

- The Scorecard Collector's main responsibility is ensuring player's hole by hole scores are correct and verified.
- Always ask the group if there were any rulings that need to be addressed before accepting any signed cards.
- Once the player hands you a verified card with signatures from both the player and marker, add the hole by hole scores.
- After adding the player's final score, verbalize the player's final total and look for acknowledgement.



Scorecard Collection

- It is **never** your responsibility to guess the cut line. Always refer players to our online scoring to follow along with scores coming in.
- Inform players that once they leave the collection area their returned card is considered final.
- Distribute any giveaways provided by MGA staff to players once all scorecards are handed in.
- Clearly report the status of each player that does not return a card.
 - WD/NS/NC/DQ



THANK YOU!