

Rule 1– Notable Changes

- Concept of “serious misconduct” introduced. Focuses on players actions as well as underlying intentions – brings etiquette into the Rules.
- The Committee may create a “Code of Conduct” that applies golf penalties to actions that are not a breach of a Rule.
- “Reasonable Judgment” standard introduced to recognize that players are regularly required to make estimated when applying the Rules and often cannot be precise.

Rule 1 – Key Concepts

1.1 The Game of Golf

- Stroke from teeing area to hole.
- Play course as you find it and ball as it lies.

1.2 Standards of Player Conduct

- Players expected to play in the spirit of the game.
- The Committee may set a Code of Conduct applying penalty strokes for breaches.

1.3 Playing by the Rules

- Players expected to apply the Rules
- Penalties may not be varied in application
- Multiple Penalty situations are handled depending on what happened (former Decision 1-4/12)